

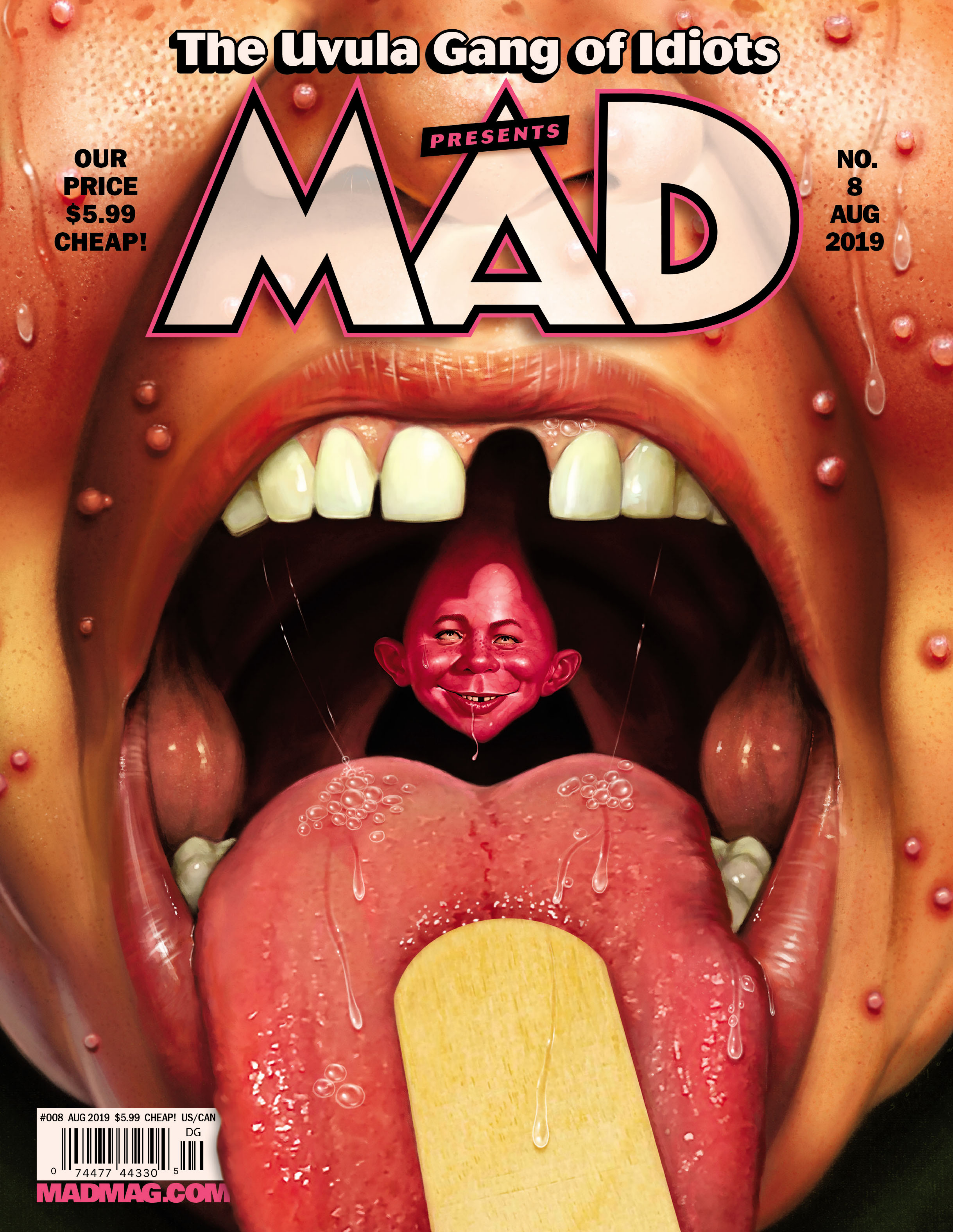
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I wouldn't stare at the mirror too hard, it's pretty haunted.

They say you should wash your hands after handling raw chicken, pffft.

No, you hang up first.

Say, did you come in with two ears or one?

Would you like those scalp chunks boxed up?

Instead of using clippers, I'm gonna try a "fire thing."

You have to let me know if you're a cop.

# MID-HAIRCUT COMMENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR

WRITER EVAN WAITE ARTIST JOHNNY SAMPSON

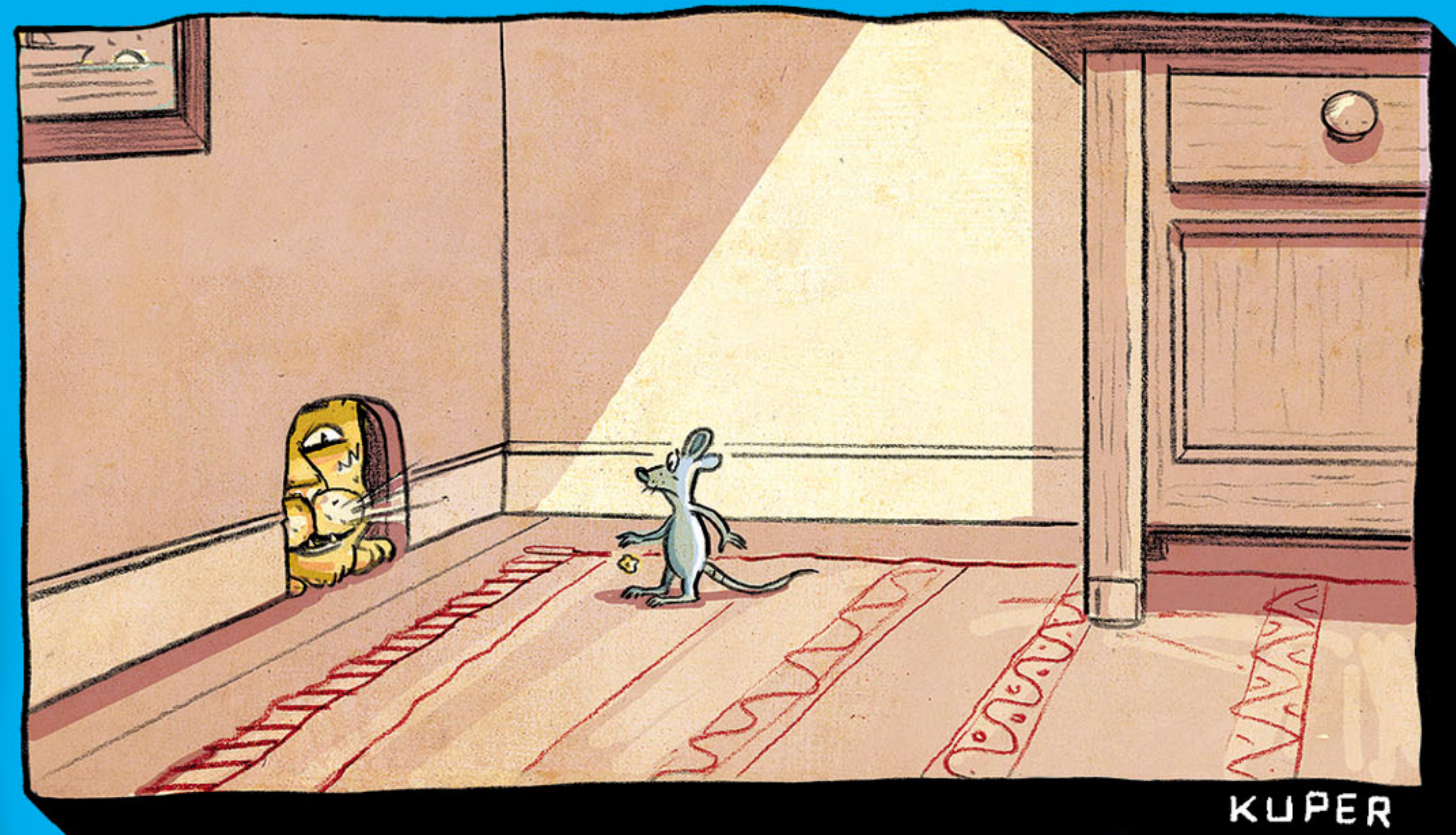
Clotting is truly nature's miracle.

I would *never* let violent hiccups keep me from doing *my* job.

You don't strike me as a litigious man.

Would you mind signing a waiver that says your skull was exposed when you came in?

You can get a great deal on recalled hairspray on the dark web!



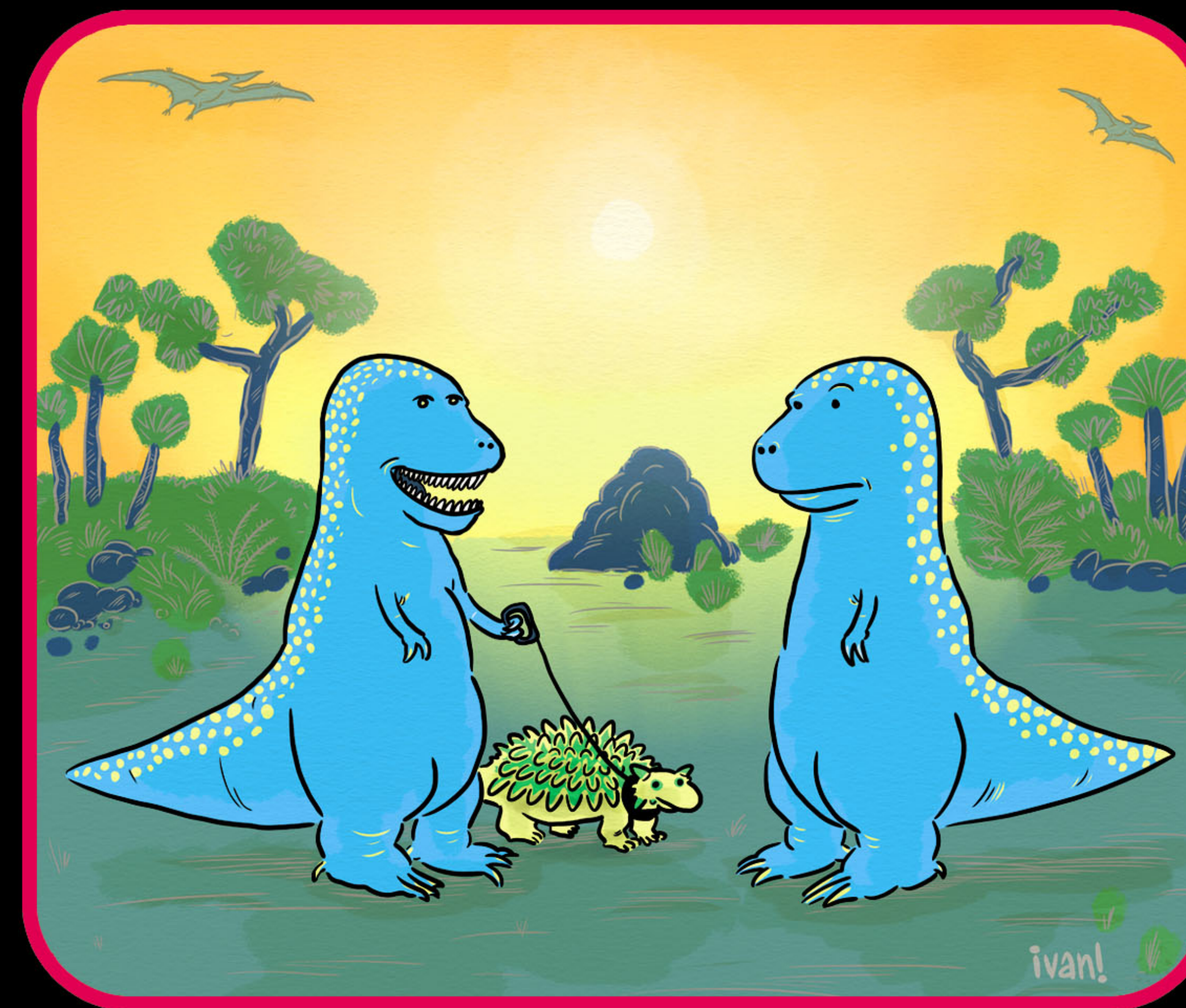
"Just thought we should change things up."

WRITER & ARTIST PETER KUPER



"You loved Brad. You wanted to marry Brad. You even drove Brad thru the carwash with the windows open while naked because you're really nuts. Brad cost you your job and three boyfriends."

WRITER & ARTIST BOB ECKSTEIN



"He's my emotional support dinosaur."

WRITER & ARTIST IVAN EHLERS



"I GOT A LOT OF NEGATIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE LAST CONFESSION I SIGNED."

WRITER & ARTIST P.C. VEY

Regular camps are so passé!  
This summer, try one of these...

## WAY-TOO-SPECIALTY CAMPS

MEDICAL BILLING ADVENTURE CAMP

MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S "JUST THE Qs"  
DICTIONARY CAMP

LEARN THE WHISTLING PART FROM  
"MOVES LIKE JAGGER" CAMP

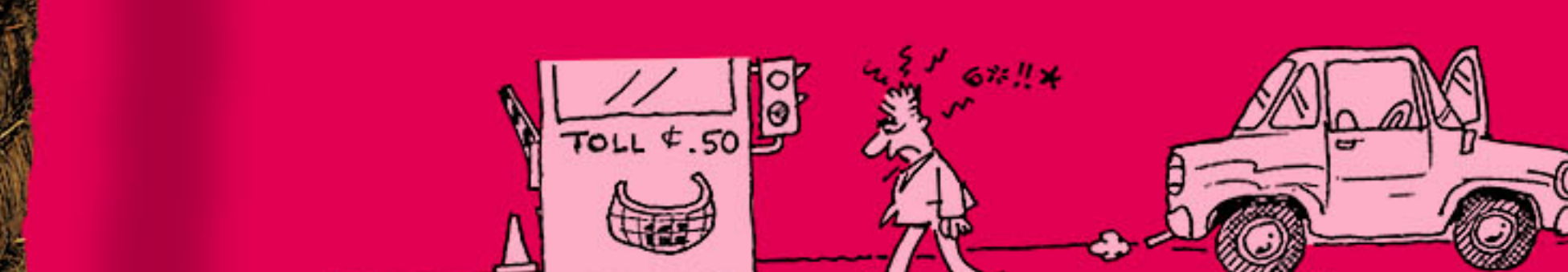
CAMP PESTO!

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BOGGLE

READ JUDY BLUME'S "BLUBBER" TO YOURSELF QUIETLY CAMP

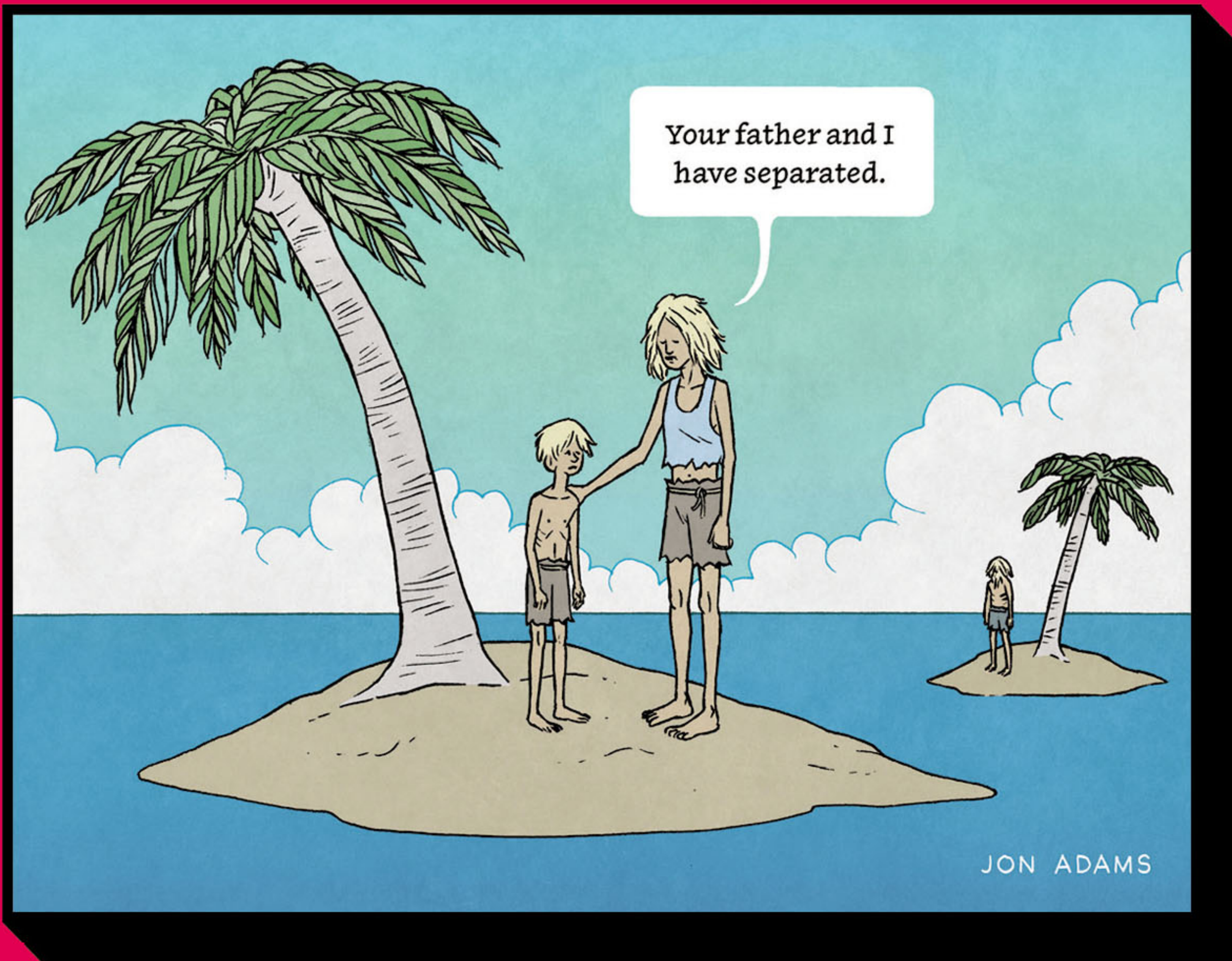
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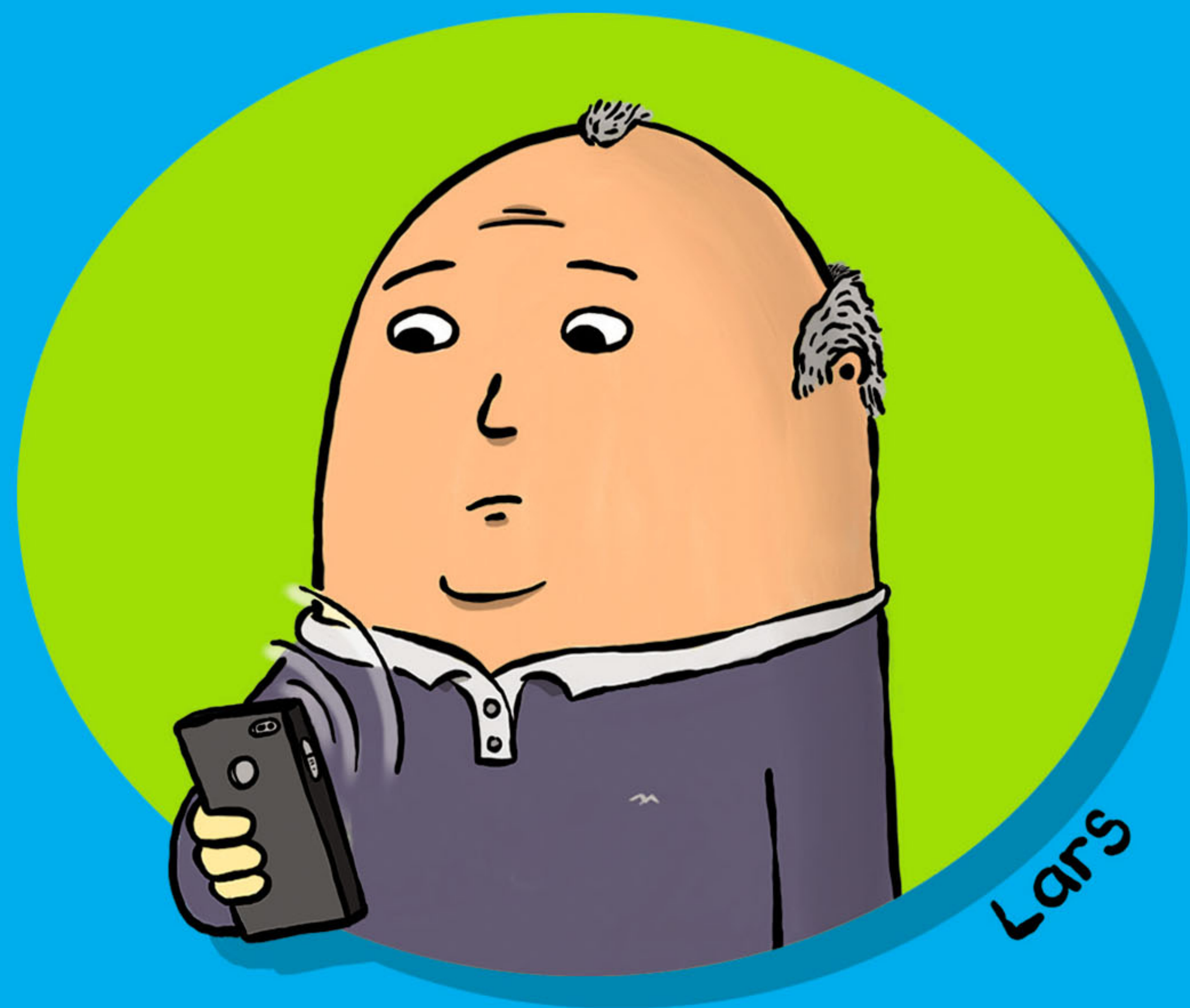
BELLY BUTTON  
LINT  
SCULPTURE  
CAMP







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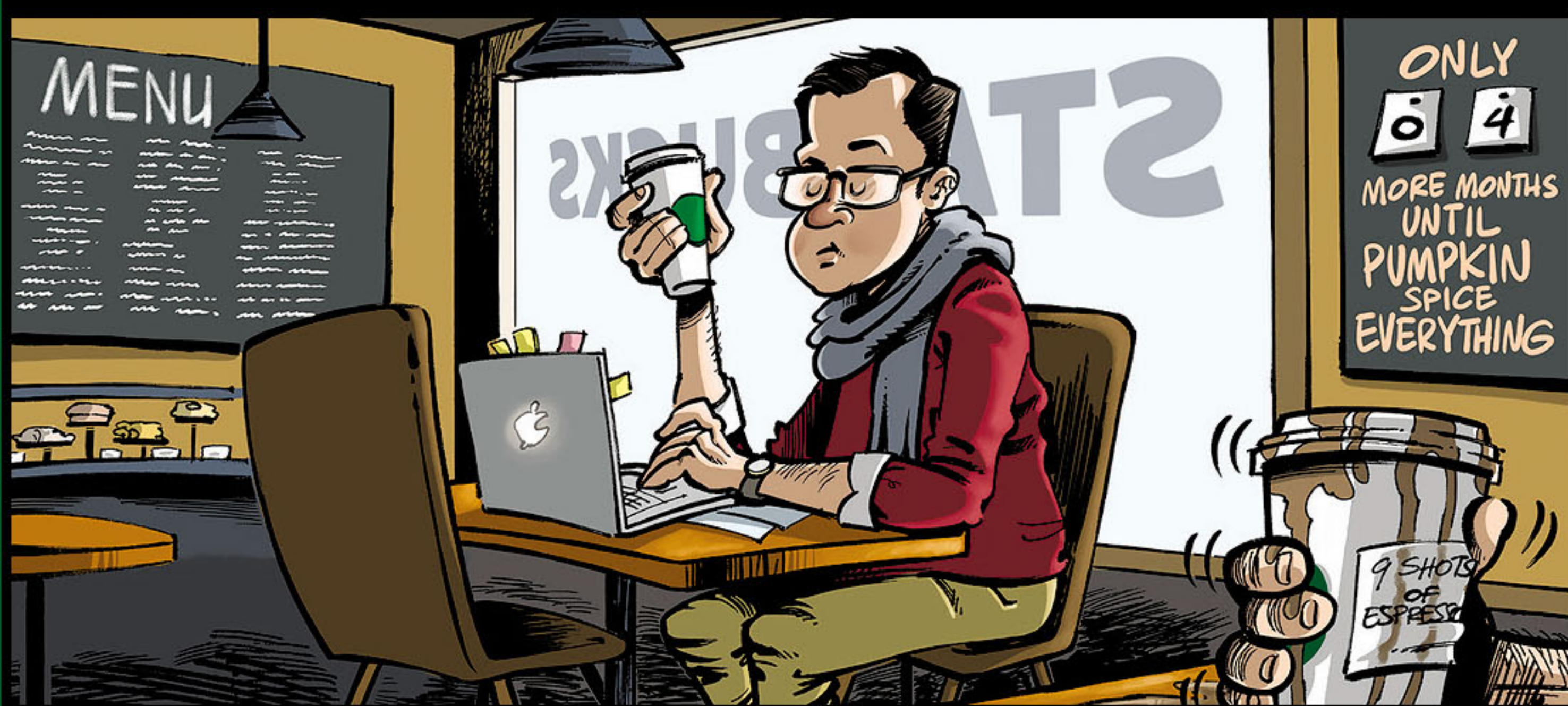
"Sorry, Siri stepped out for a smoke. I'm Dougie, but I'll be honest, man, I'm not really in a place to help anybody right now."

WRITER & ARTIST **LARS KENSETH**

# WHAT PEOPLE IN STARBUCKS ARE REALLY WORKING ON

WRITER **KENNY KEIL**  
ARTIST **DALTON VAUGHN**

## WHAT HE'S "WORKING ON"



A dramatic screenplay set during the French Revolution.

## WHAT HE'S REALLY WORKING ON



A 12-page Reddit post claiming that "Crispy Taco" hacked the 2017 Lay's New Flavor Election.

## WHAT SHE'S "WORKING ON"



A PowerPoint presentation on fiscal responsibility.

## WHAT SHE'S REALLY WORKING ON



Shopping for vintage hip-hop Tweety Bird shirts on eBay.





Our long watch has ended — *Game of Thrones* is hanging up its fabulous frosty furs for good! But not “for good” for good, as HBO has already bought a few spin-off shows that will keep our favorite characters on TV for years to come! So they can die! Hopefully GoT creator George R.R. Martin and HBO listen to the fans...or us...or SNL...because there are seemingly endless possibilities for...

# GAME OF THRONES SPIN-OFFS!

WRITER **BRIAN FIRENZI** ARTIST **RYAN FLANDERS**



Jon Snow is the biggest thing in Hollywood, and he's bringing his snow-bros along for the ride. Will success spoil them? Will there be any conflict at all? Will HBO let us use the opening theme from *Entourage*?

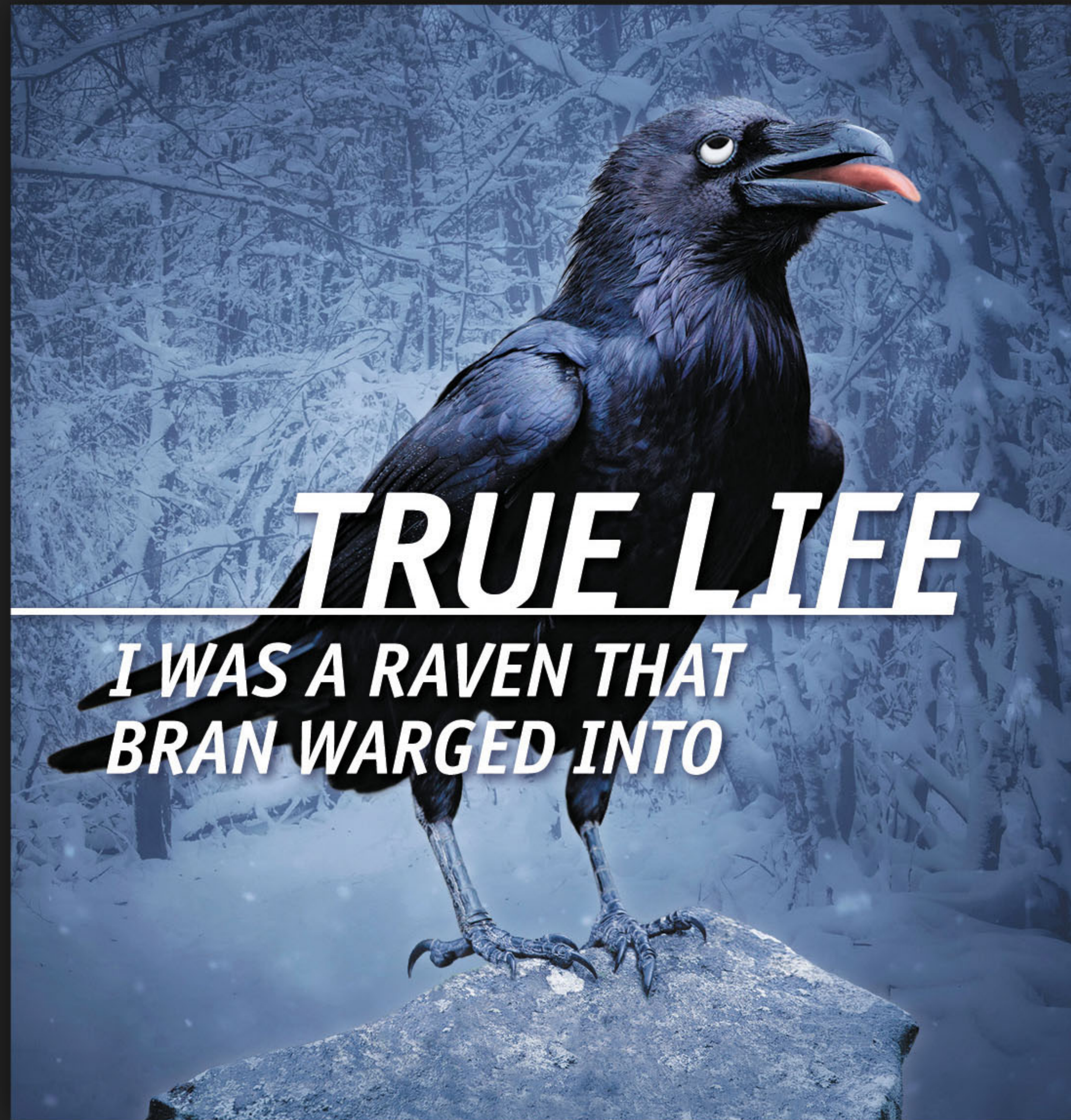
*Character and location names hastily rewritten by George R.R. Martin*



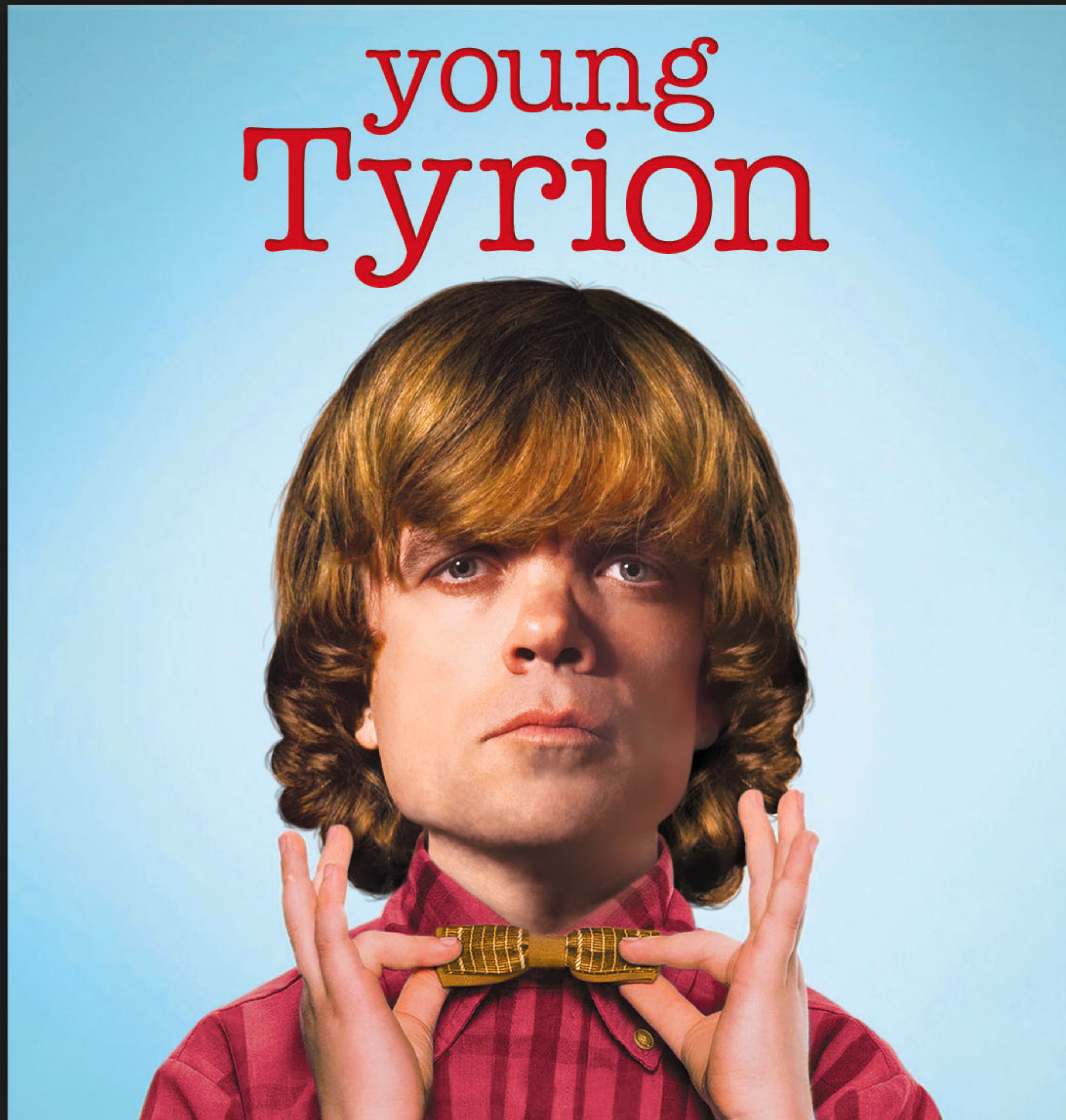
Good news for those with unruly pets: the Mother of Dragons is now making house calls.

*Dragons spayed and neutered by the  
George R.R. Martin Dragon Rescue Foundation*





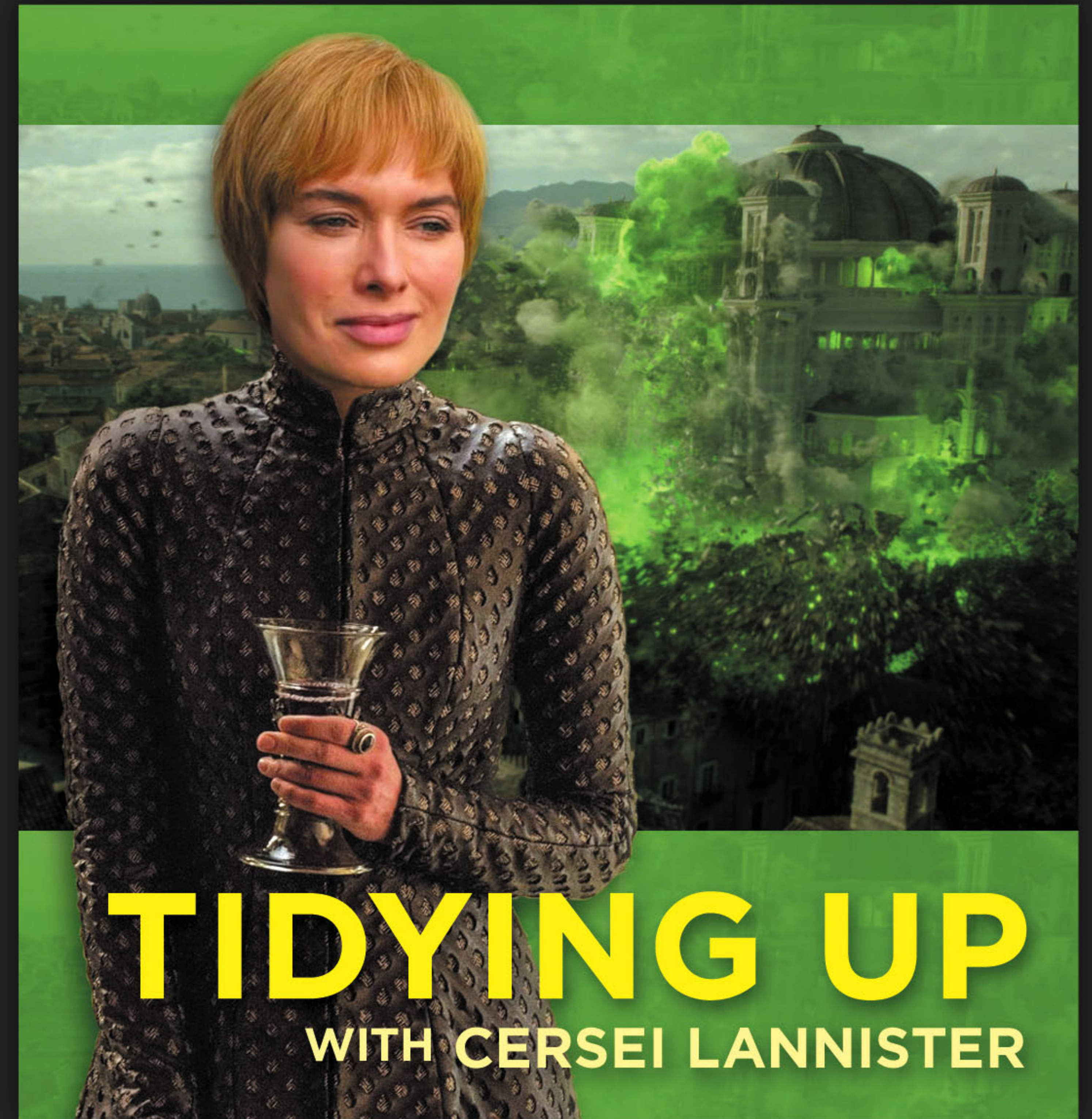
Powerful. Compelling. No English subtitles.  
Additional raven photography supplied by George R.R. Martin



Someone who we won't mention by name walked up to a whiteboard, wrote "\$\$\$\$ Young Tyrion \$\$\$" and now we're doing this I guess! Written, produced, and directed by George R.R. Martin



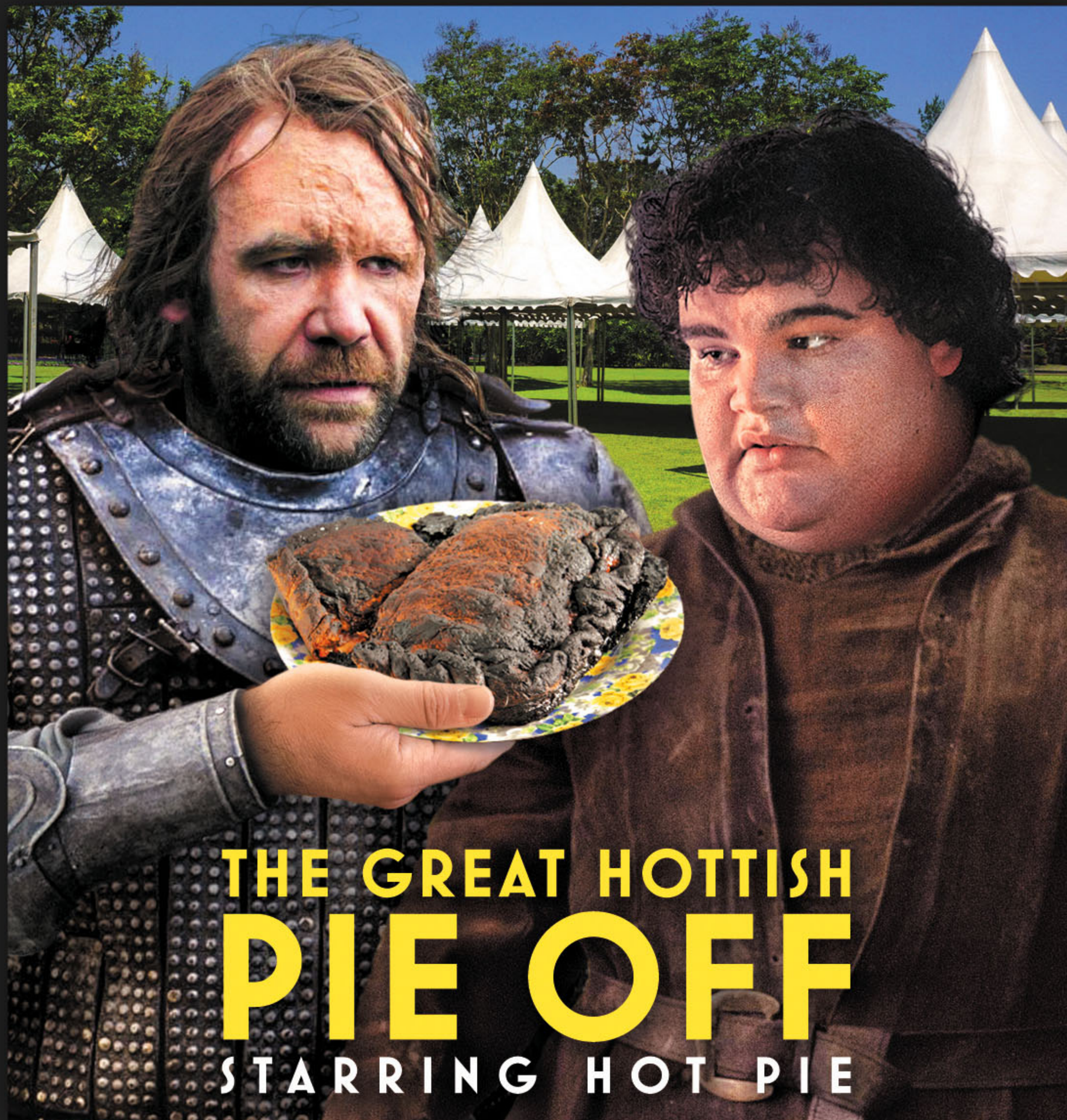
Just when you think it's on its last legs—this troupe of unstoppable, identical ice zombies stagger back to life for yet another season! Created by Lorne R.R. Michaels and George R.R. Martin



Cersei helps you get rid of unwanted clutter—by trapping them all in one place, then sparking enough joy to eradicate them from existence! From Executive Producer George R.R. Martin



!moor siht ni "skeer" yllaer ti ,naM  
Manifested through the wonders of transcendental meditation by George R.R. Martin



Hot Pie, everyone's favorite character named after a meal, is here to taste your scrummiest bakes and avoid conflict in general!  
From Executive Pie-ducer George R.R. Martin

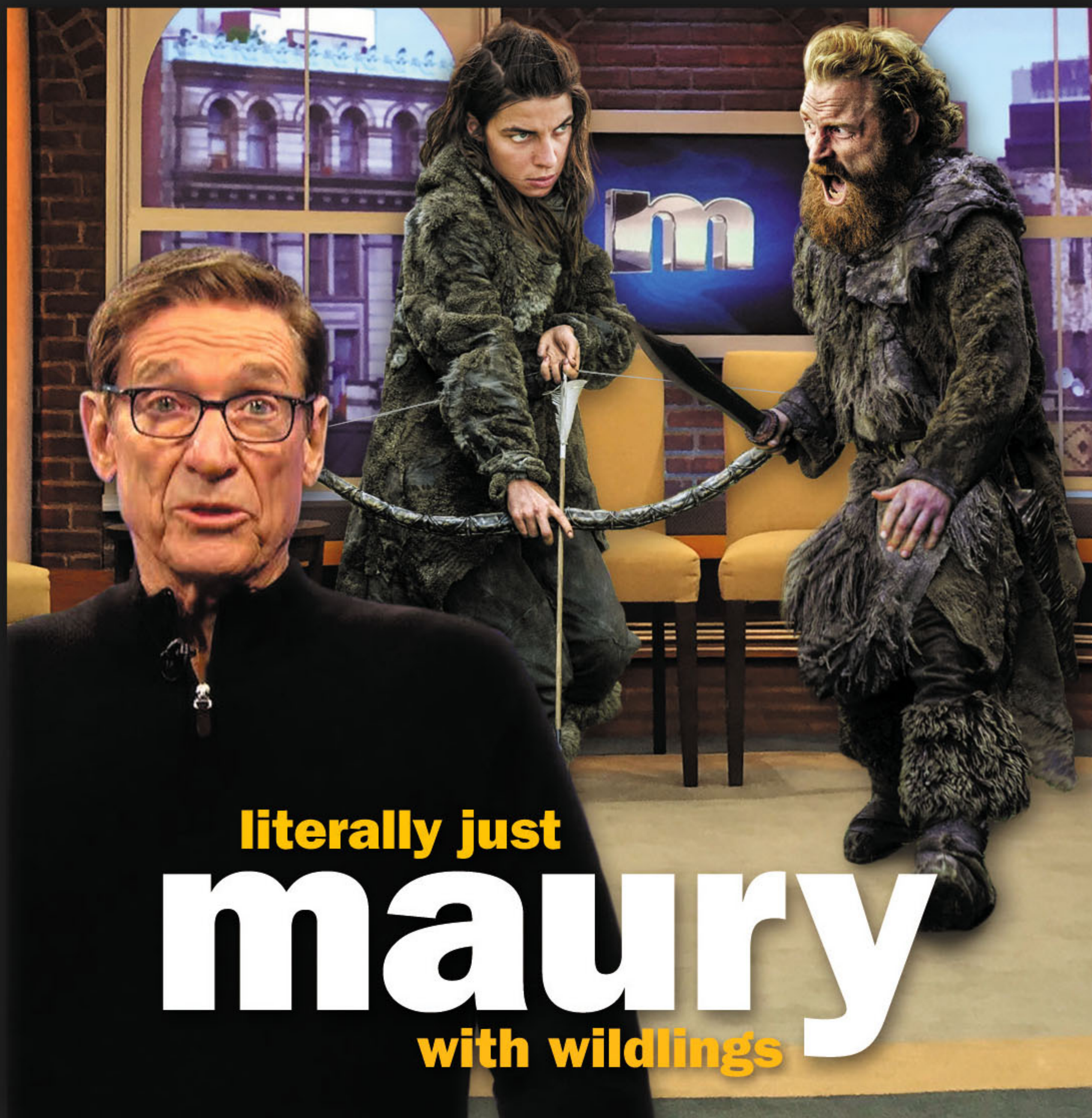


They're the most fearsome riders in all of Westeros. But can they lip sync for their lives?  
Fashion consultation by George R.R. Martin



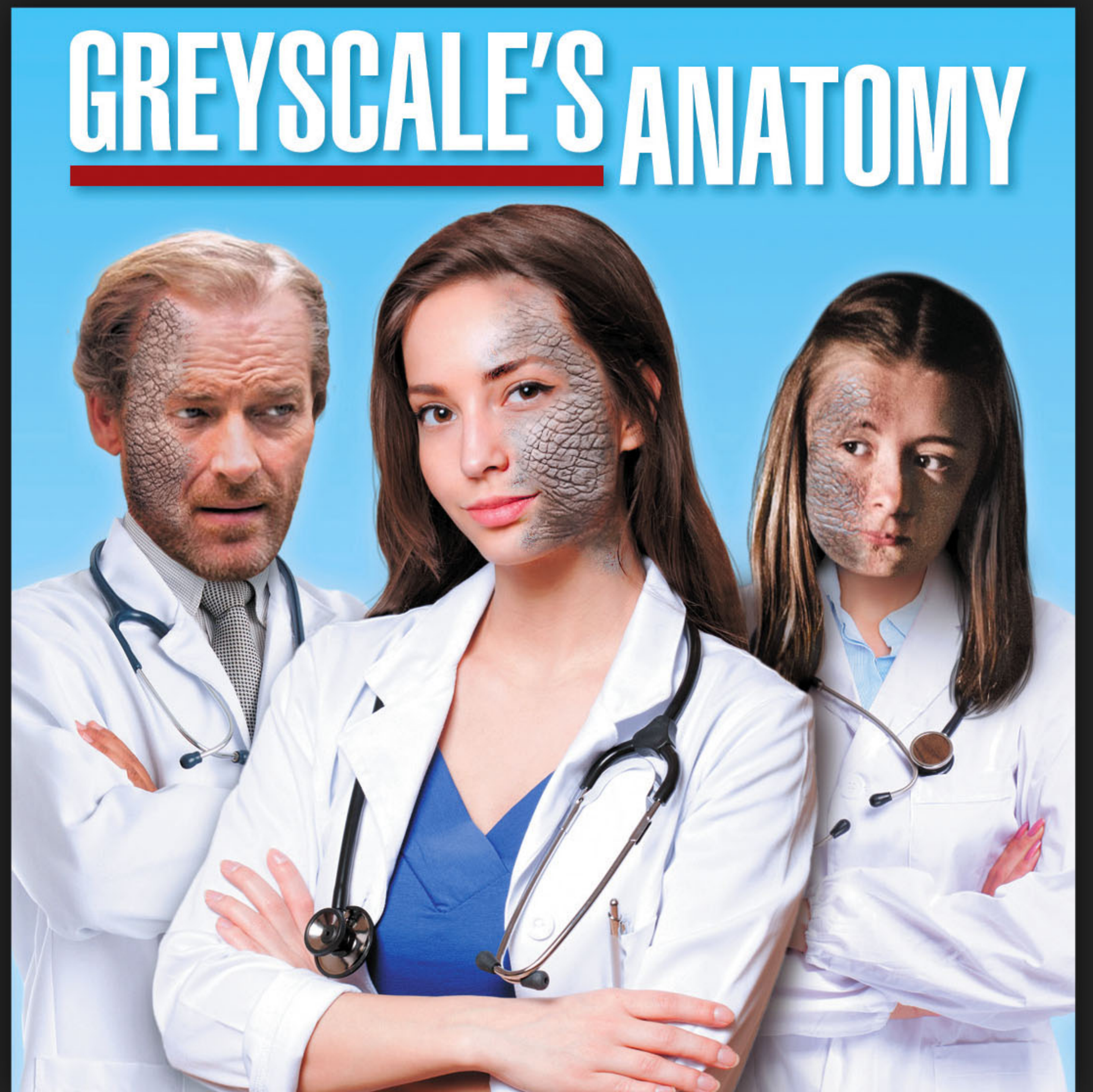
You love Lip Sync Battle, but now what you love instead is Lip Sync Battle on two sinking ships!  
Not entirely well thought-out by George R.R. Martin





These tough-as-nails freefolk are about to find out that paternity tests are a thing!

*Filmed in front of a live studio audience, which includes George R.R. Martin*



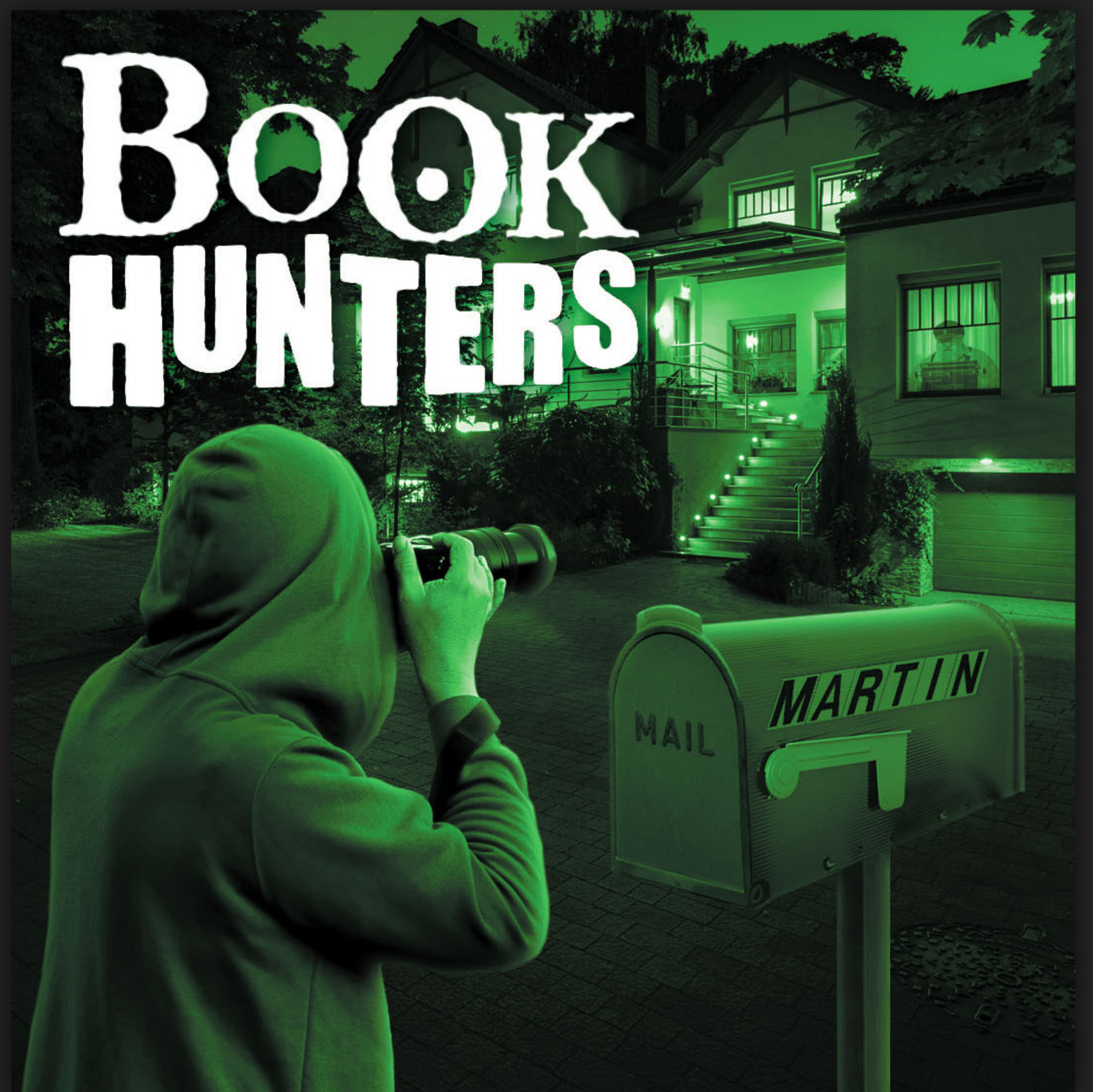
They said she couldn't be a doctor because she had greyscale. She'll prove them wrong...and give them all greyscale.

*Frequent set visits by George R.R. Martin*



The Night King is single and ready to mingle. Will you take this rose before you have to be taken to the hospital for hypothermia?

*From the people who brought you Love Ice-Land, The Only Way is Ice-Ex, and Rock of Love With Brrrret M-ice-als, which is to say, George R.R. Martin*



Will George R.R. Martin ever finish the final two GoT books? They're on a mission to find out!

*Little do they know this show is also produced by George R.R. Martin!*





# Meanwhile...

WRITER IAN BOOTHBY ARTIST PIA GUERRA



"JEDI HELP LINE, HAVE YOU USED THE FORCE?"



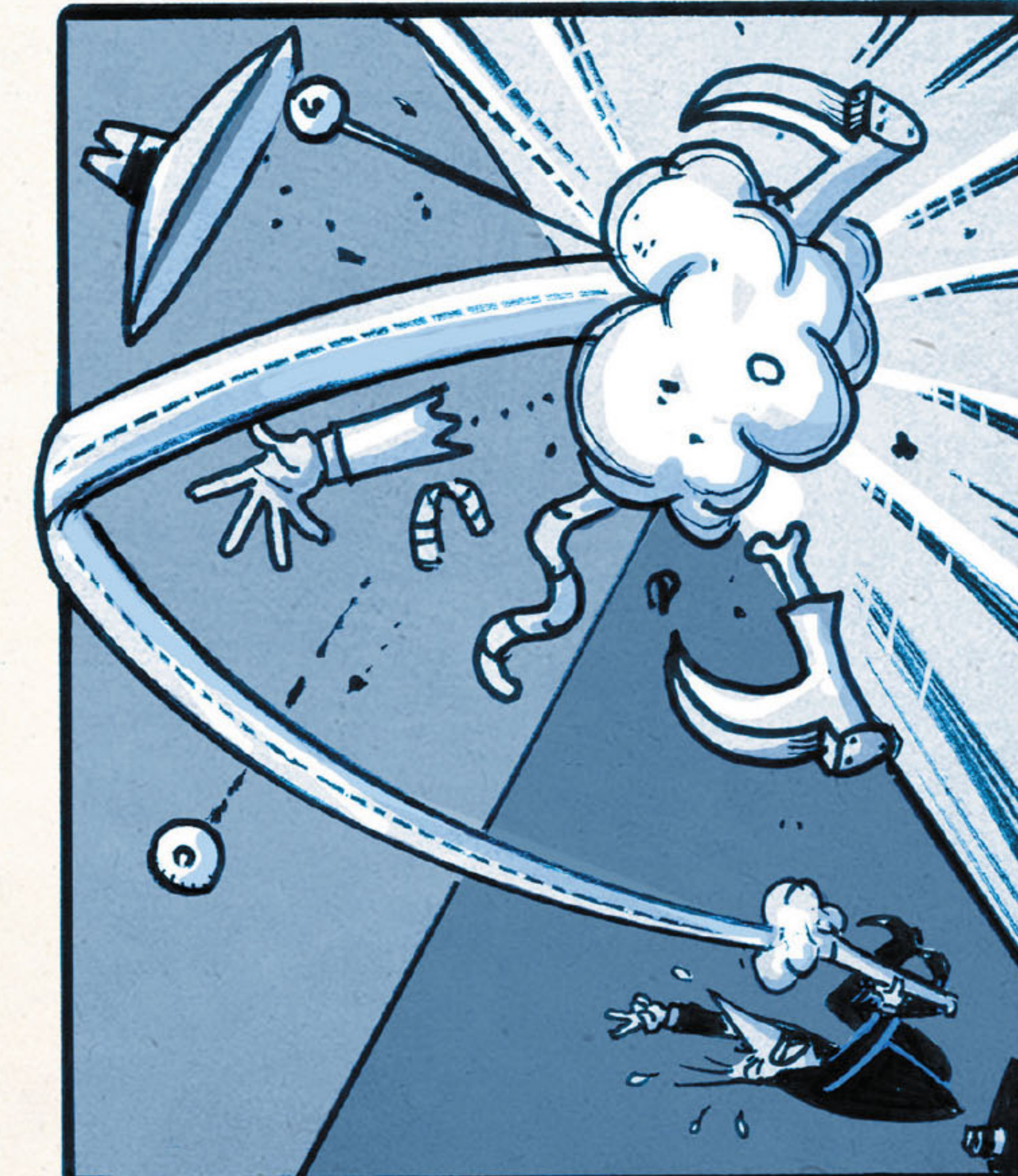
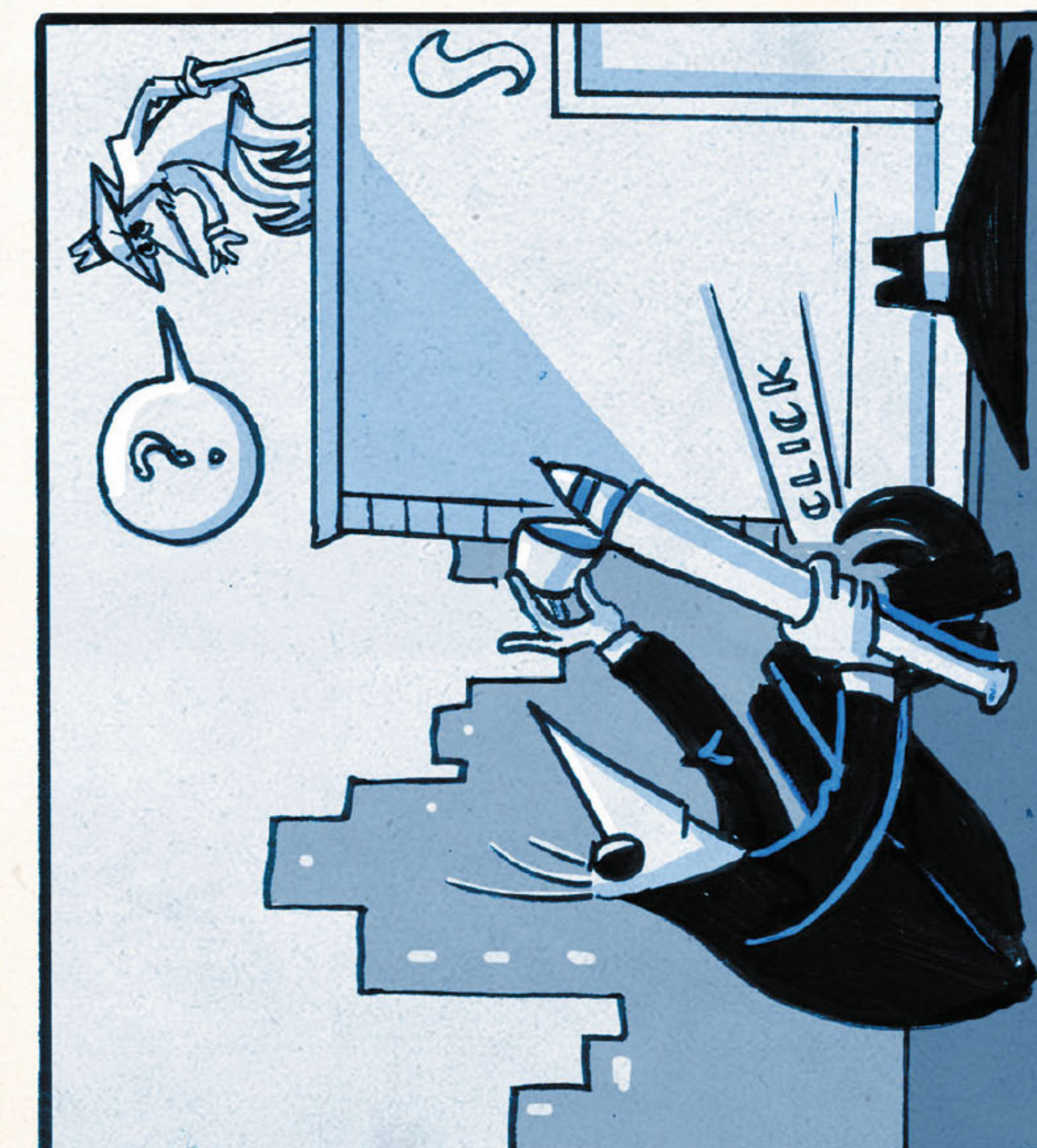
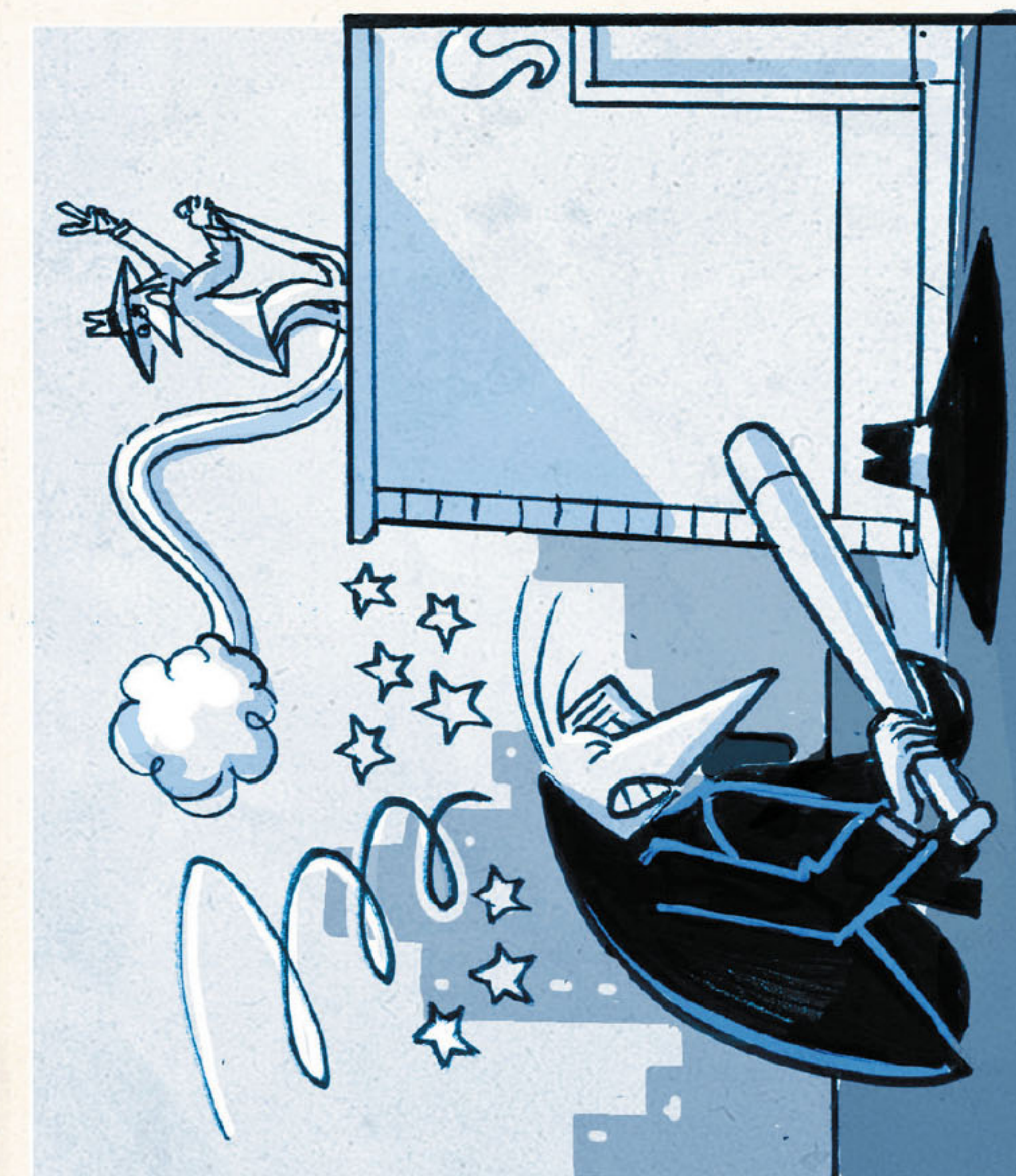
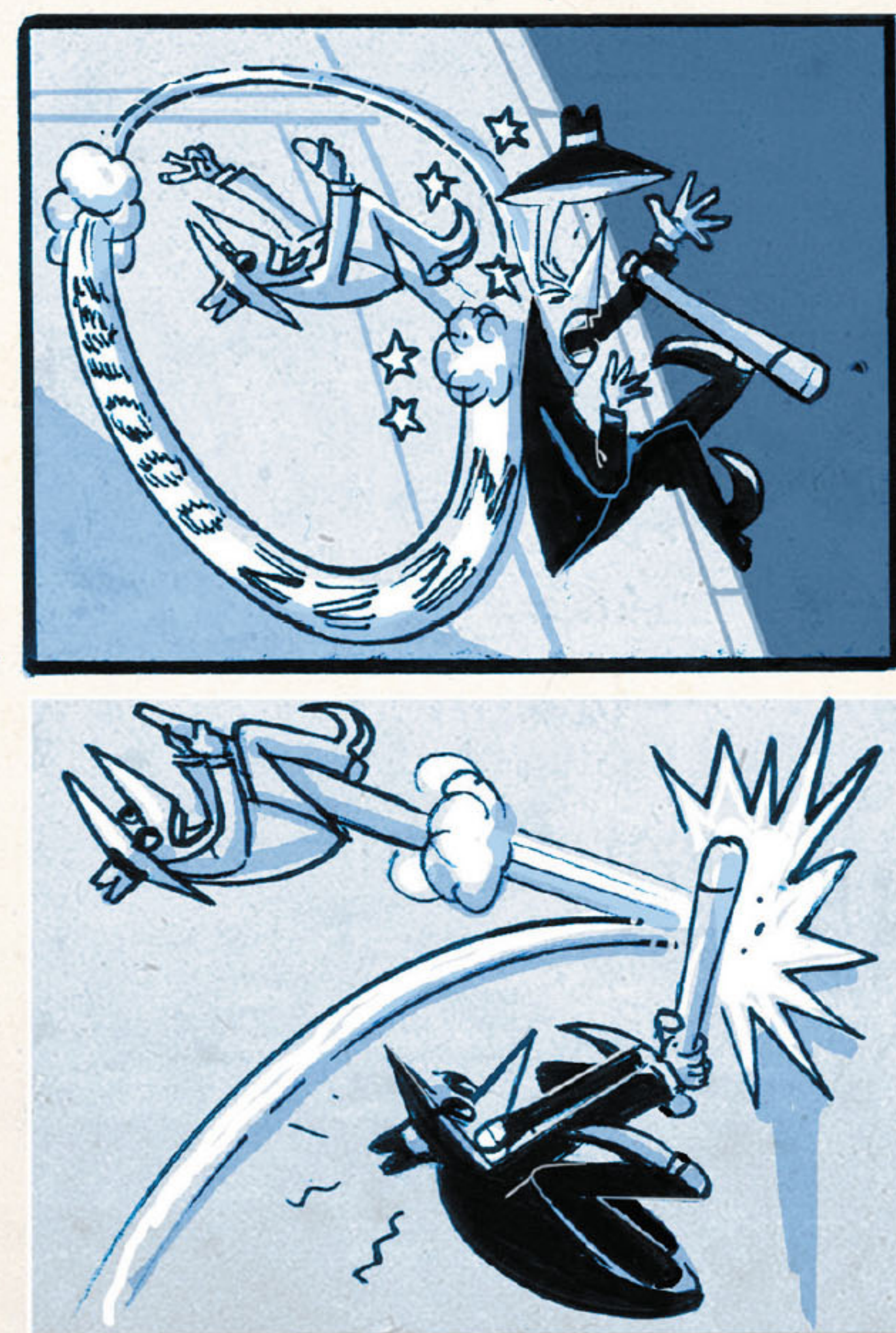
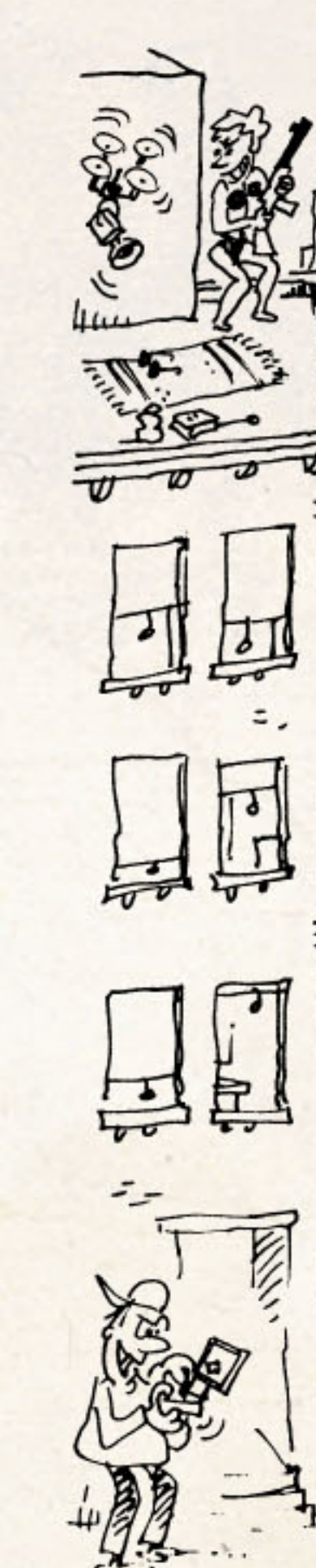
"HELLO, HAVE YOU HEARD OF DOCTORS WITHOUT BOUNDARIES?"



"IT'S YOUR BODY AND YOUR CHOICE, BUT REMEMBER THAT YOU DIE AFTER YOU STING SOMEONE. SO IF YOU DO, MAKE SURE IT'S SOMEONE SPECIAL."









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Choose from our diverse menu options!

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- Lordy Lordy Lard
- Chemical Carnival
- Sugar Excess Express
- Fructose Festival
- FDA No-No's
- Vegetarian option: An old bag of carrots

**\*NEW BONUS!** All meals now come with a free bottle of Carcinogen & Tonic.



### 2 WE'LL DO THE PREP WORK!

Our team does all the tedious candy-opening for you! No more sink full of wrappers!



### 3 RECEIVE YOUR GLUTTON BOX!

Your Glutton Box will be delicately hurled at your doorstep with priority fifth-class shipping.



### 4 DIG IN!

Eat like no one's watching! This is our sloppy little secret!



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We'll "eat" "anything"

**GLUTTON TIME!**

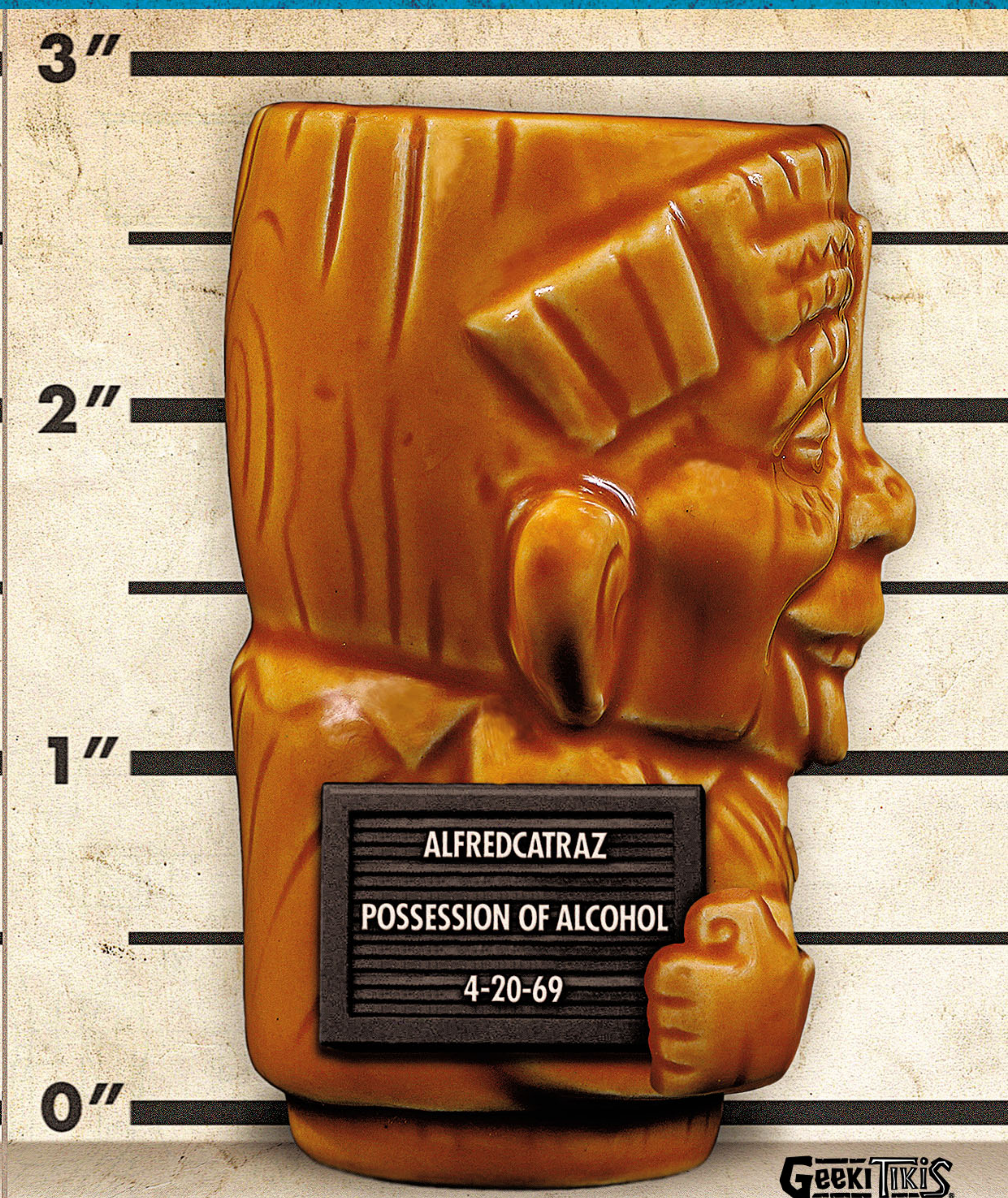
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Wait a minute, it's been a whole 14 years since *Willy Wonka* was rebooted?! Time to squeeze the last bit o' juice out of that intellectual property for the 2019 version, and why not?! Because the godlike titular character is a billionaire who owns slaves and murders four people? These issues require nuance, which is why we chose a very subtle approach for the reboot.

# SILLY WONKY & THE TOWN OF FLAVOR

WRITER ALEC OWEN  
ARTIST TOM RICHMOND

SILLY WONKY'S  
FUNKALICIOUS  
BAR & GRILL

Who can take a rainbow,  
sprinkle it with grease?  
Who can make a cake out  
of a pig that is deceased?  
The Hammy Man can!  
Who can take a salad,  
add a touch of lard?  
Who can make a 'wich with  
everything from the barnyard?  
The Hammy Man can!

Hi Grandpa Blo, hi  
other burdens to society!  
For my birthday, can  
we see Silly Wonky's  
Flavortown Factory?

Poor Charlie  
F\*#kit! I'd take  
you, but I'm  
bedridden from  
a combination  
of chemtrails  
and my refusal  
to get vaccines!

And the  
factory's  
been  
closed for  
years! No  
one goes  
in or out.

How he keeps producing  
Funkalicious Food-Like  
Meal-Treats and the 30  
seasons of his popular  
TV show on the *Food?*  
*Network* is the world's  
greatest mystery!

And we're  
poor trash  
people, no  
way we'd  
get a tour  
of a nice  
joint like  
that!

Five Golden BBQ Pig Knuckles  
are hidden in ordinary,  
everyday troughs of Wonky's  
Personal-Size Mega-Troughs  
of Donkey Sauce!

Whoever finds them wins a  
visit to Wonky's long-isolated  
factory for a tour and a  
lifetime supply of Blitzberry  
Blast BBQ Zebra Wings!

Donkey Sauce will make  
your kids diabetic, gay  
socialists! Instead, buy my  
horse pills that'll make  
them strong like me!

FOX NEWS channel



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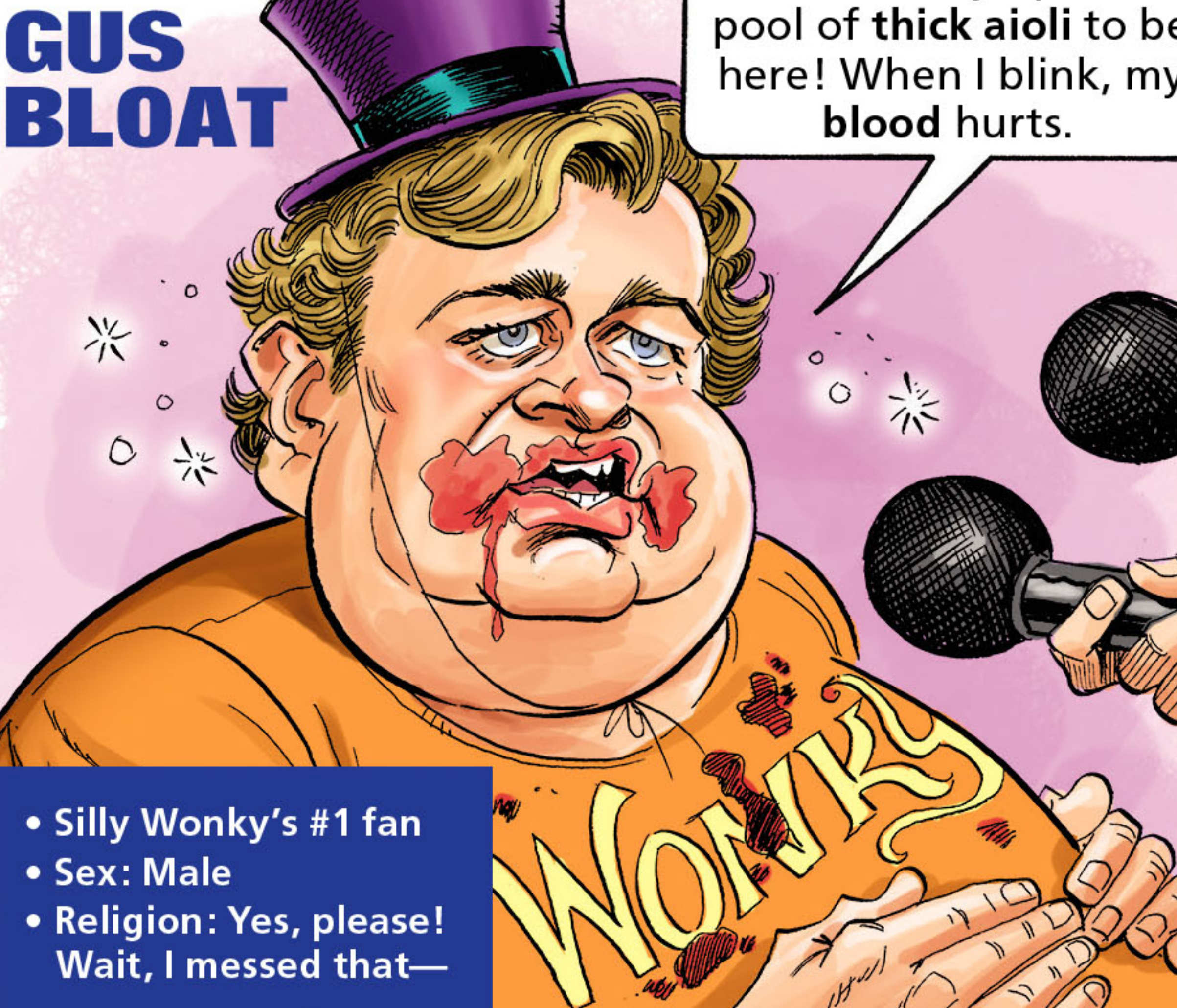
INFO WARS



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'TIS I...CRYIN' SQUEAKREST THE UNCANCELABLE!  
Four Golden Knucks have already been found!  
Let's meet the lucky bastards now!

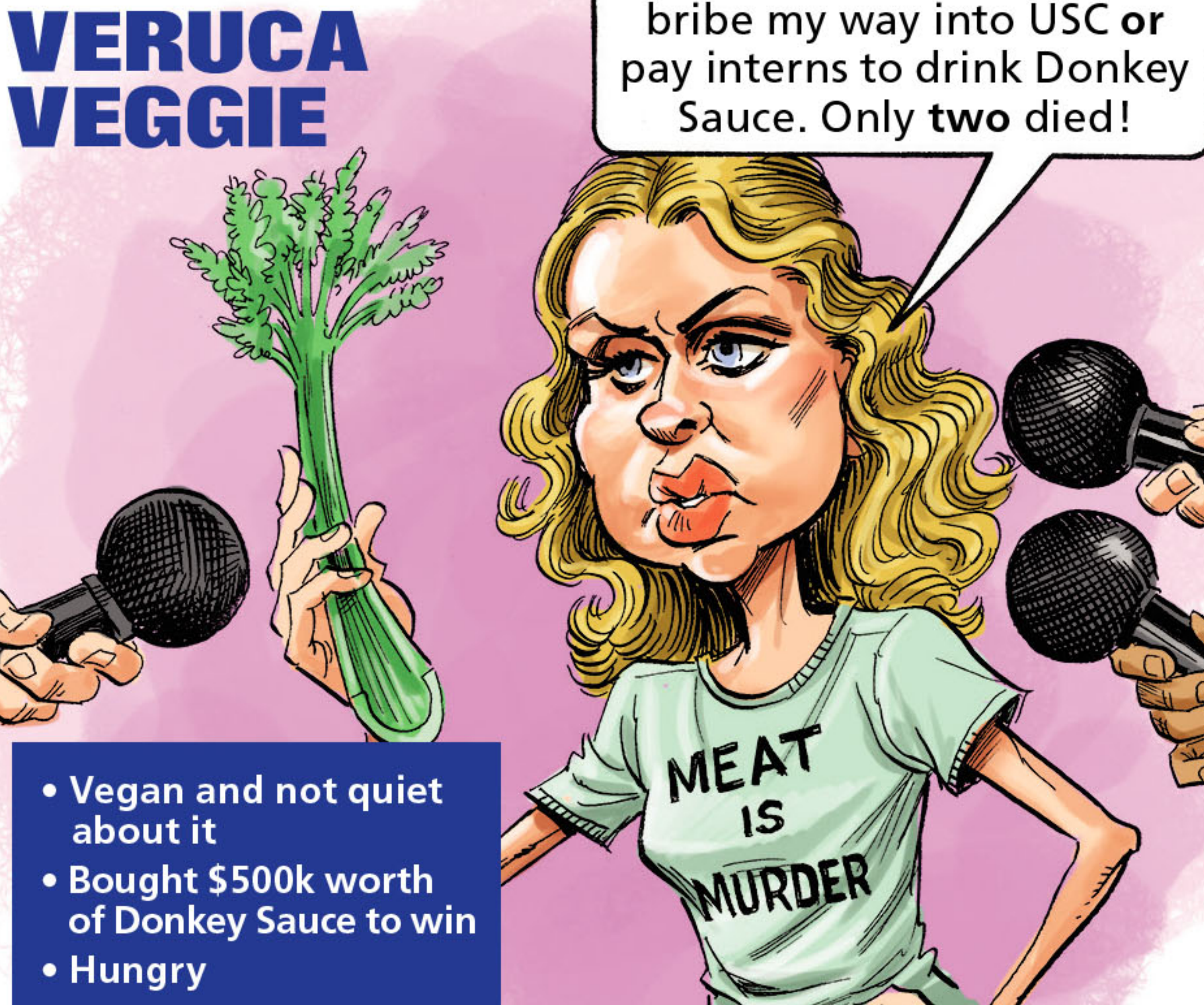
GUS BLOAT



I drank an olympic-size  
pool of thick aioli to be  
here! When I blink, my  
blood hurts.

- Silly Wonky's #1 fan
- Sex: Male
- Religion: Yes, please!  
Wait, I messed that—

VERUCA VEGGIE



My mom gave me a choice:  
bribe my way into USC or  
pay interns to drink Donkey  
Sauce. Only two died!

- Vegan and not quiet  
about it
- Bought \$500k worth  
of Donkey Sauce to win
- Hungry

VIOLET VAPEREGARDE



Ew, is someone  
smoking a real  
cigarette? That's  
like, so disgusting.

- Once blew a vape cloud  
so big it melted a glacier
- Age: 18, Age of inner  
organs: 195
- In a pinch, her sweat can  
function as motor oil

MIKE SOCIAL



So #grateful to be here.  
Thanks to Walmart, who gave  
me all I'm wearing, as well as  
everything inside my body.  
#BodyByWalmart.

- 300k followers,  
only 250k are bots
- His face may actually  
be stuck that way
- #blessed #lit #trapped

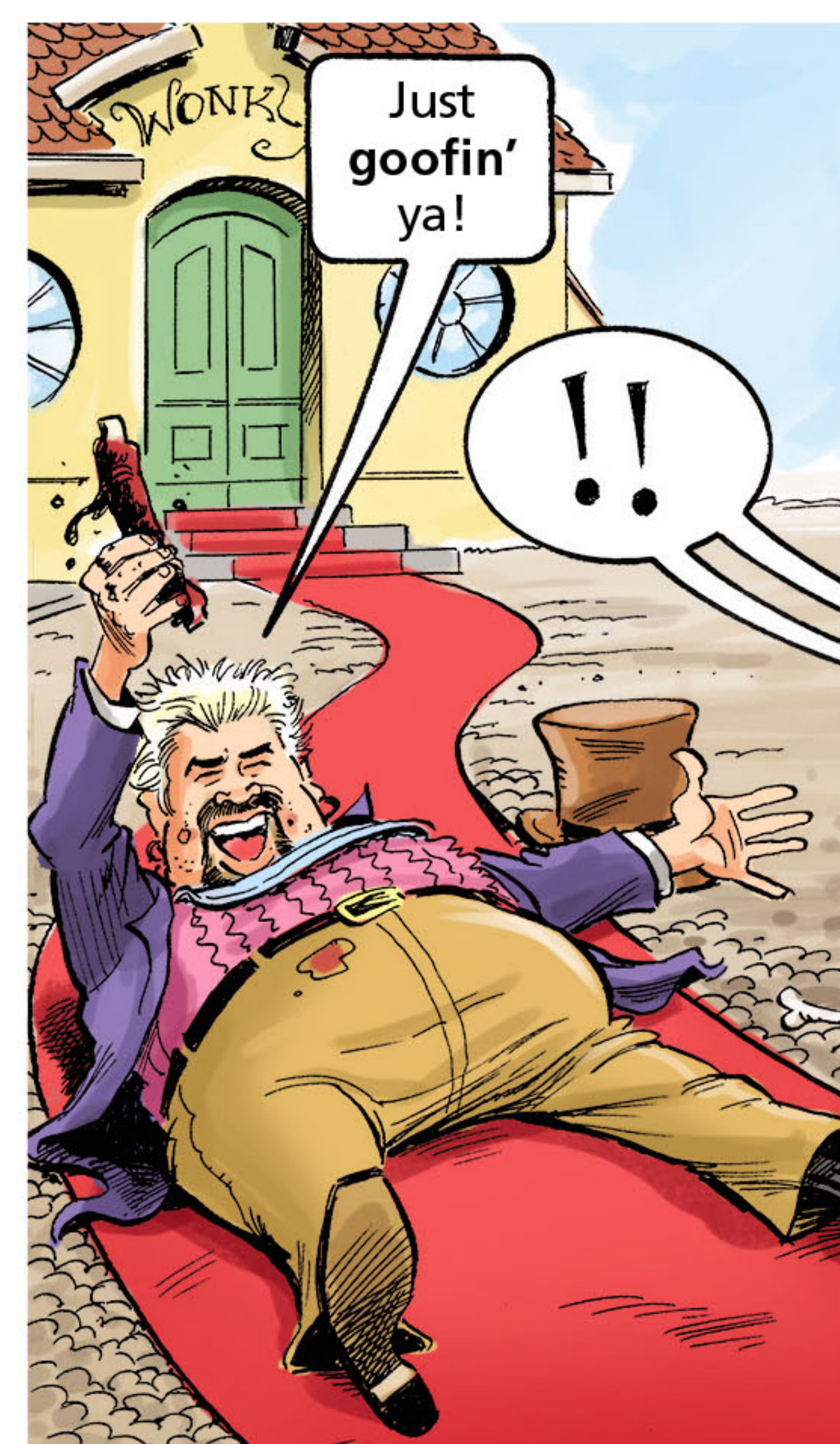
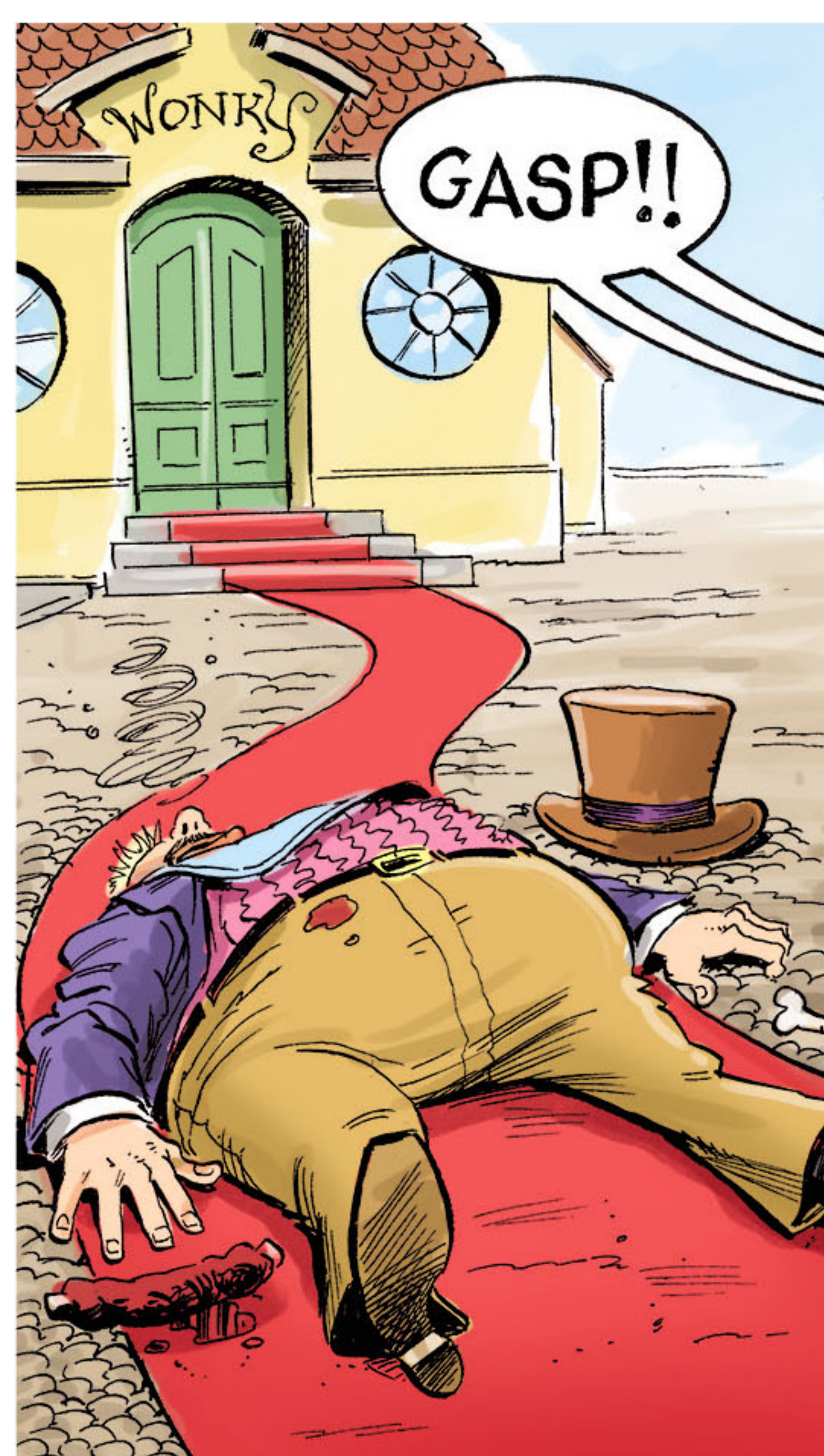
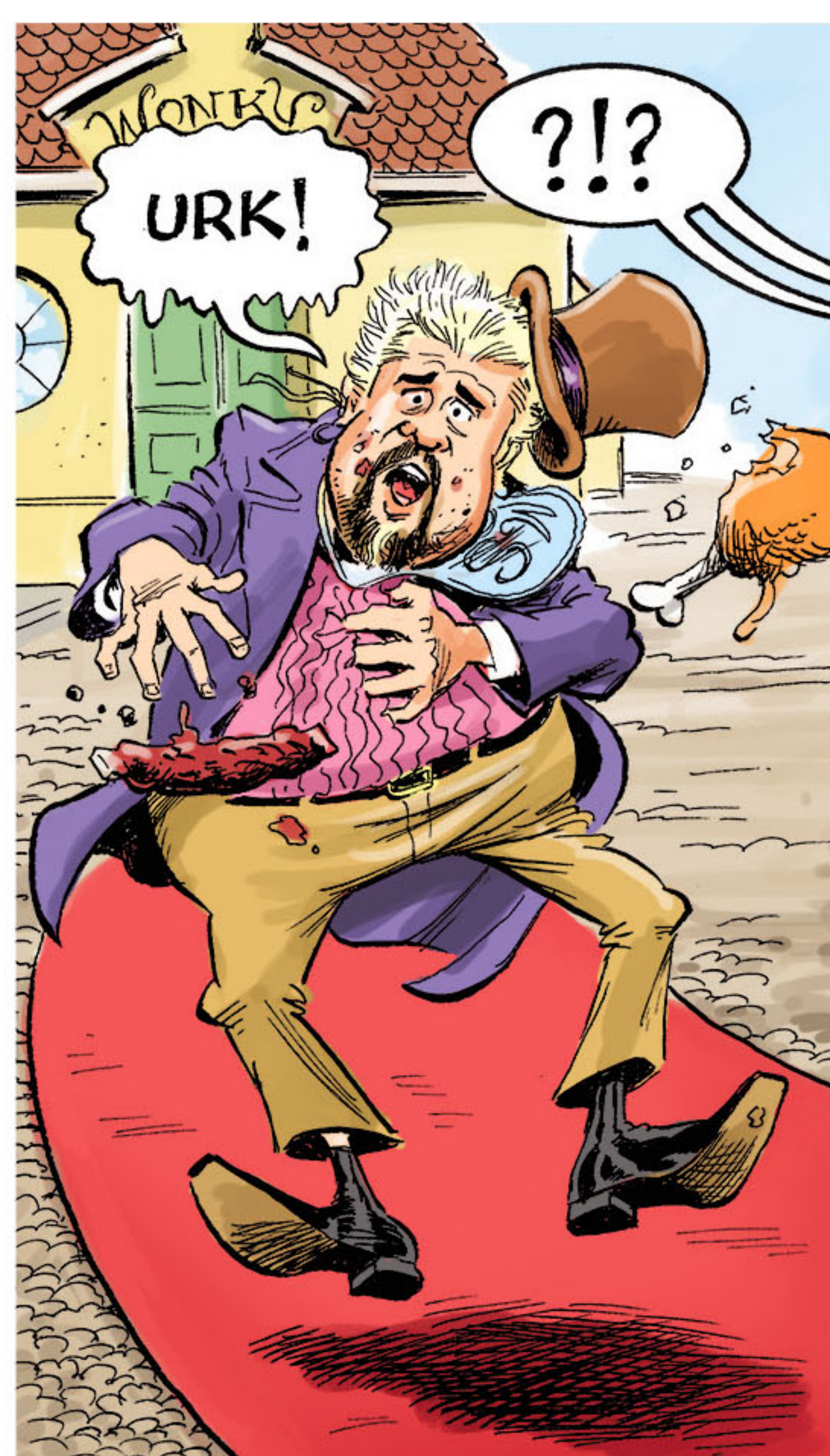
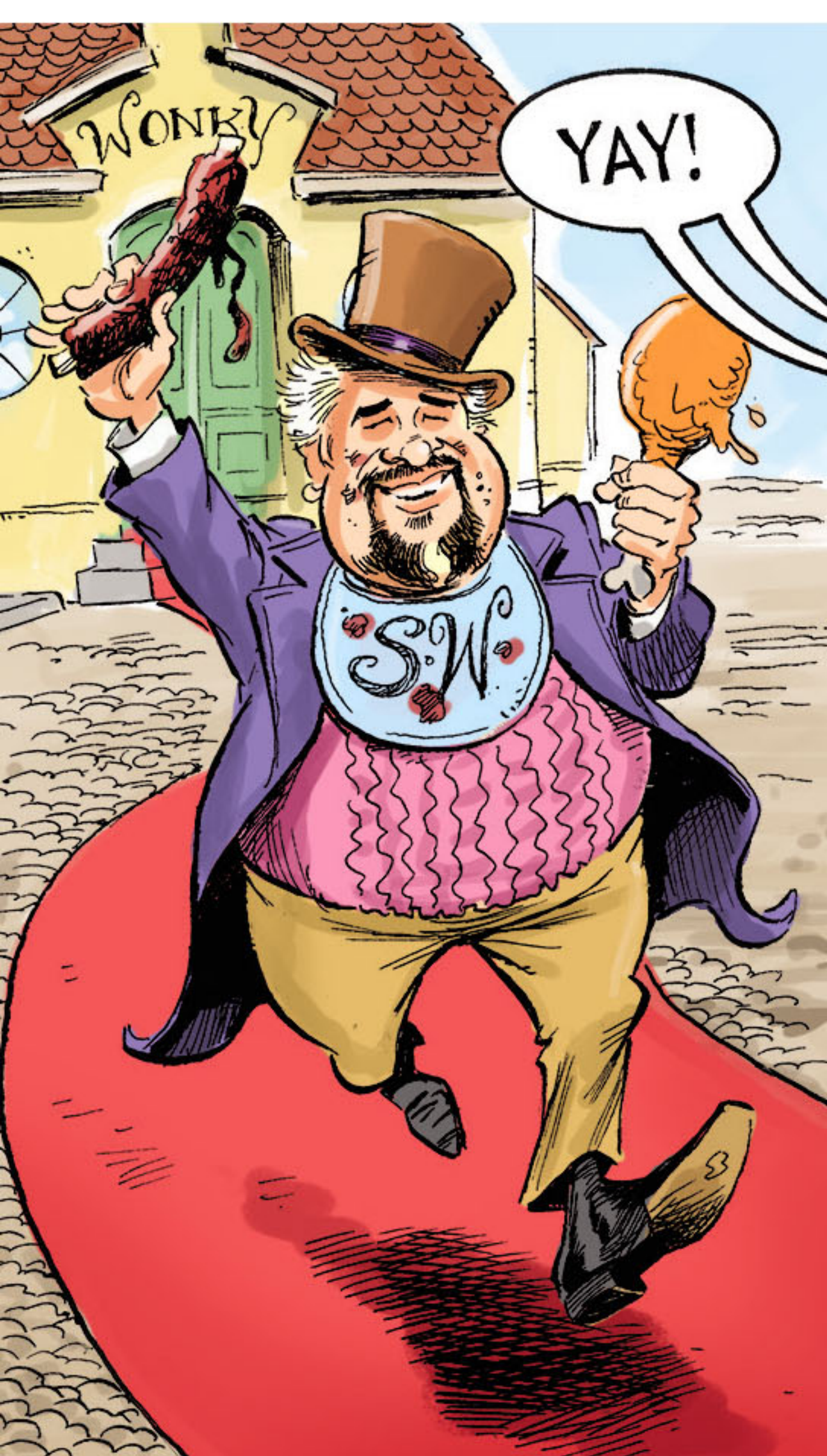
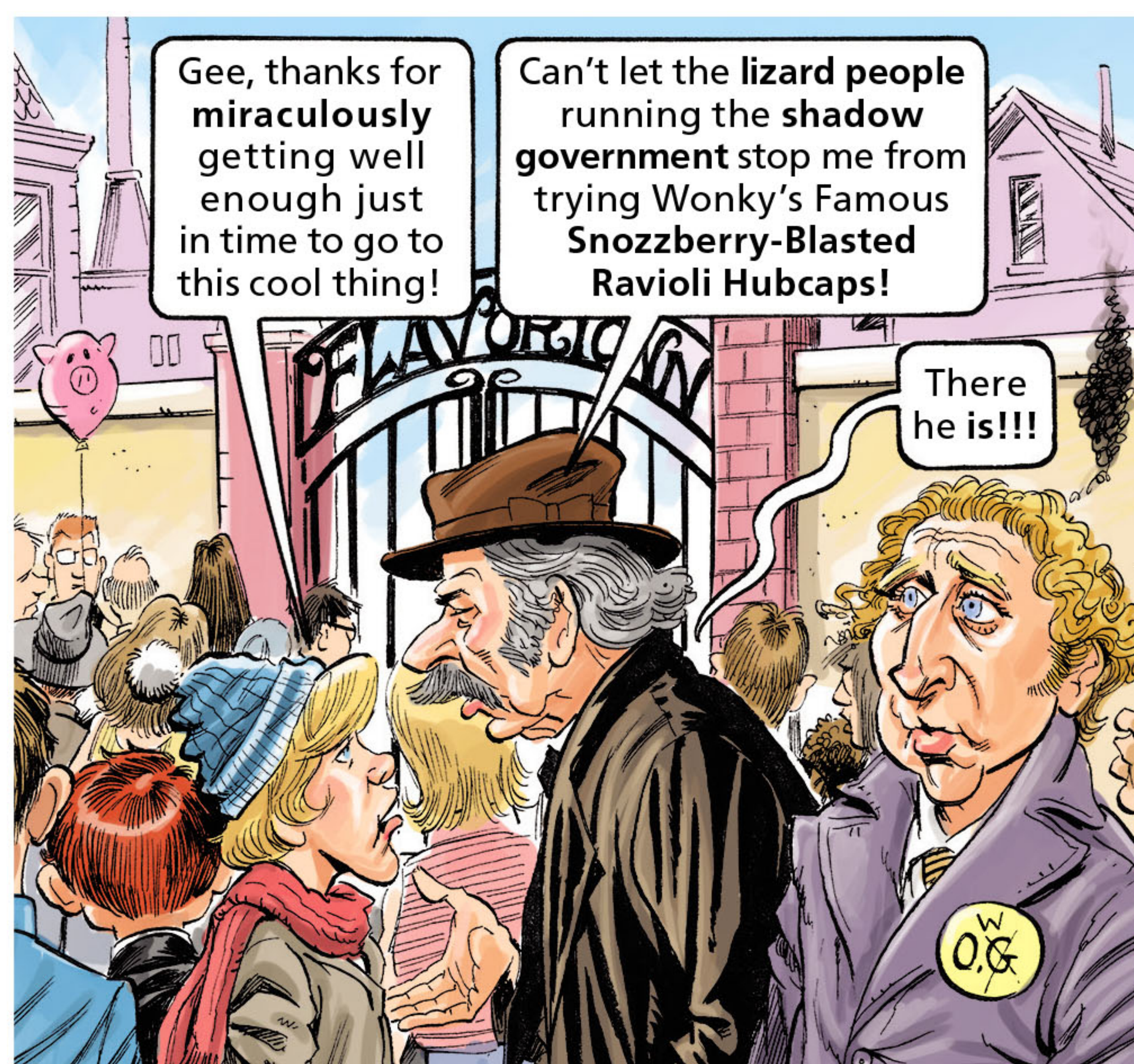
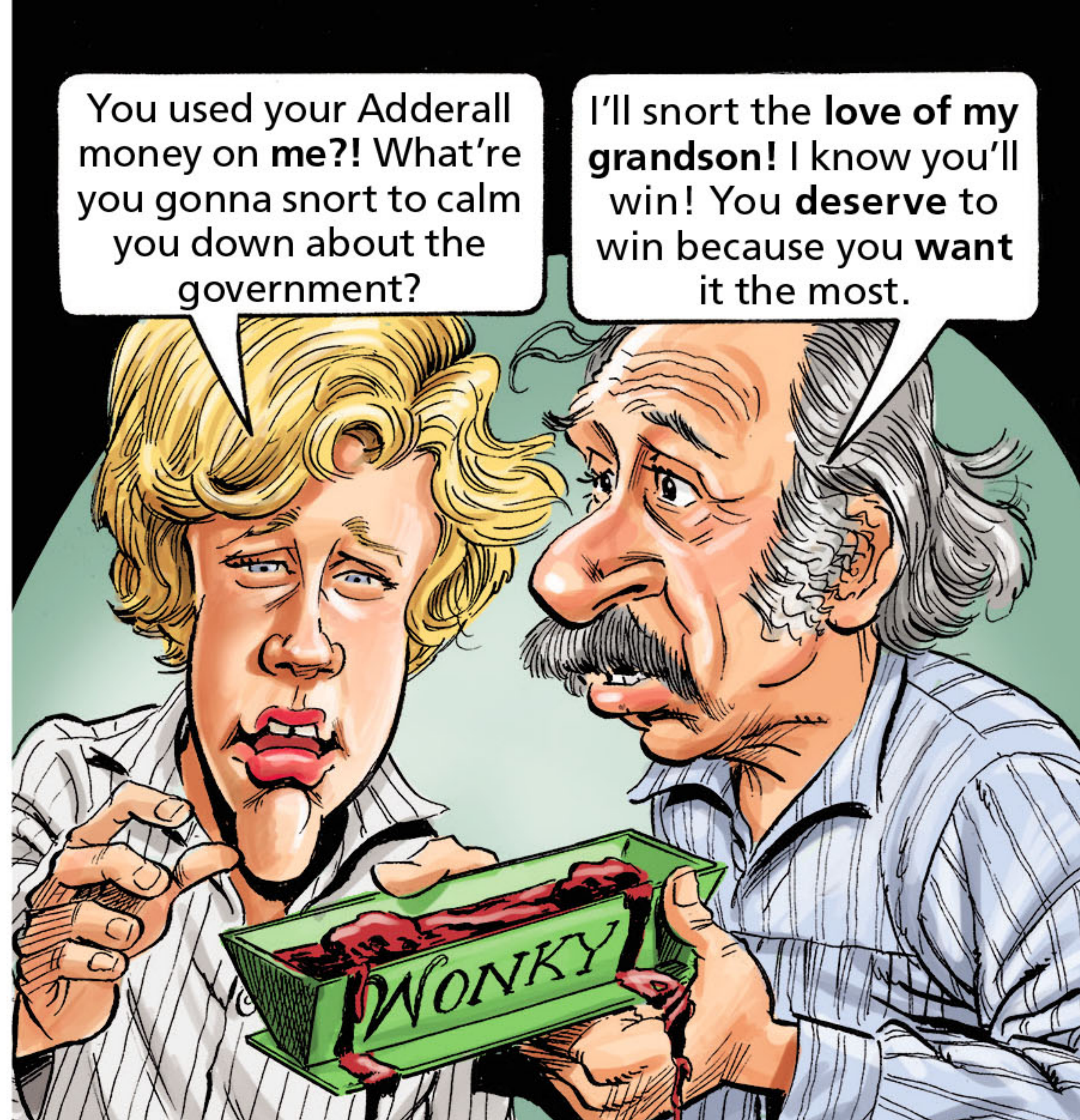
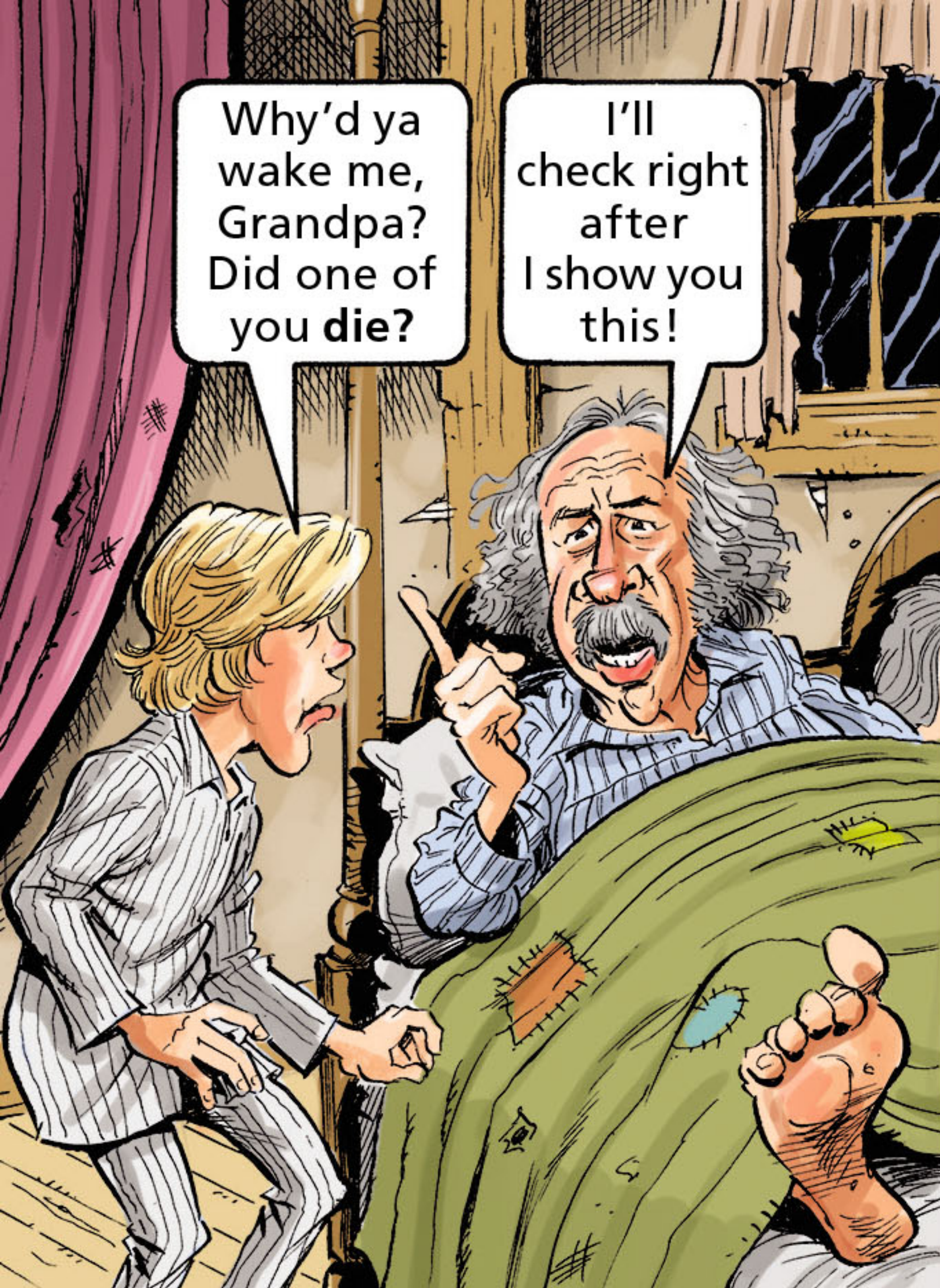
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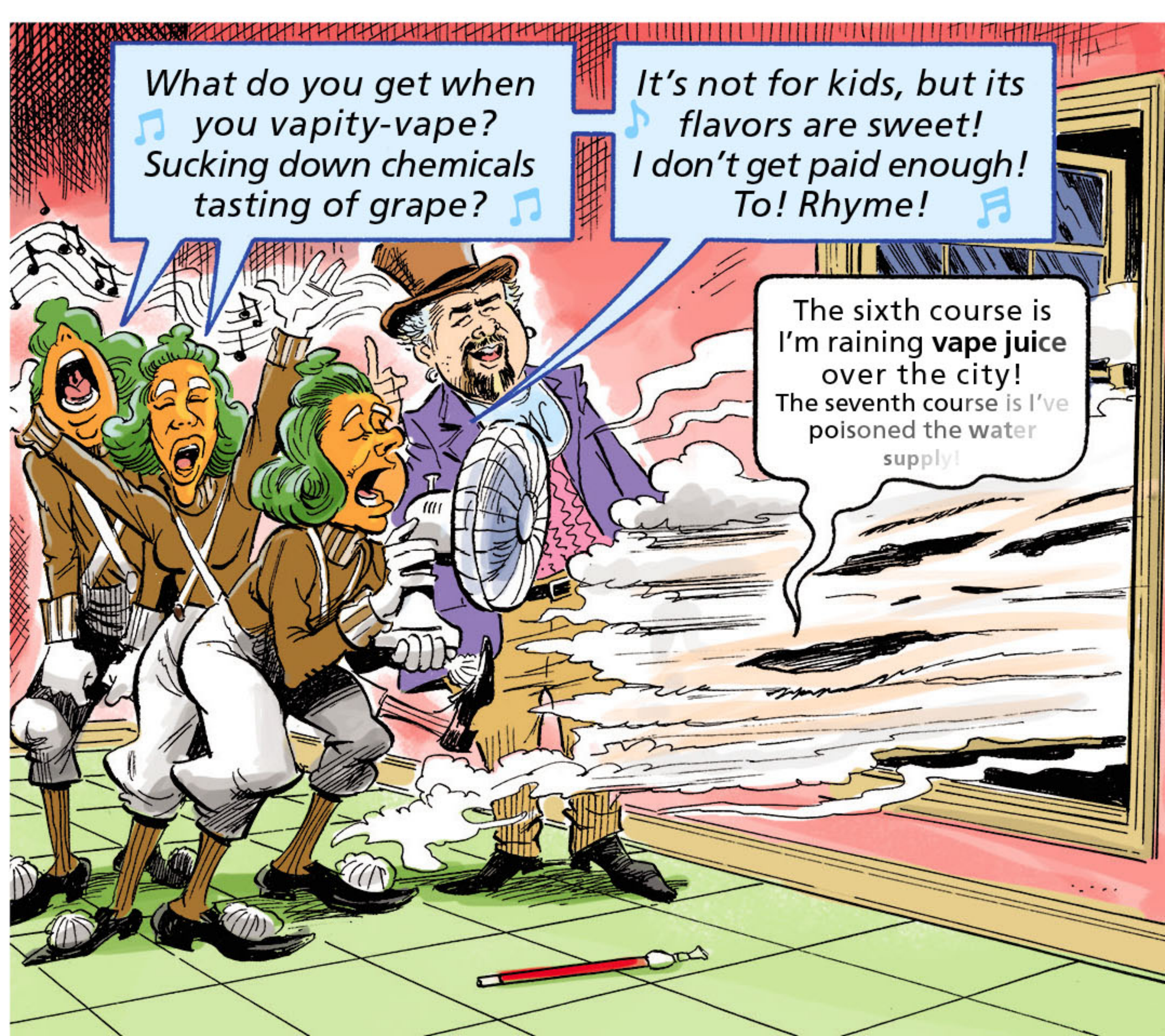
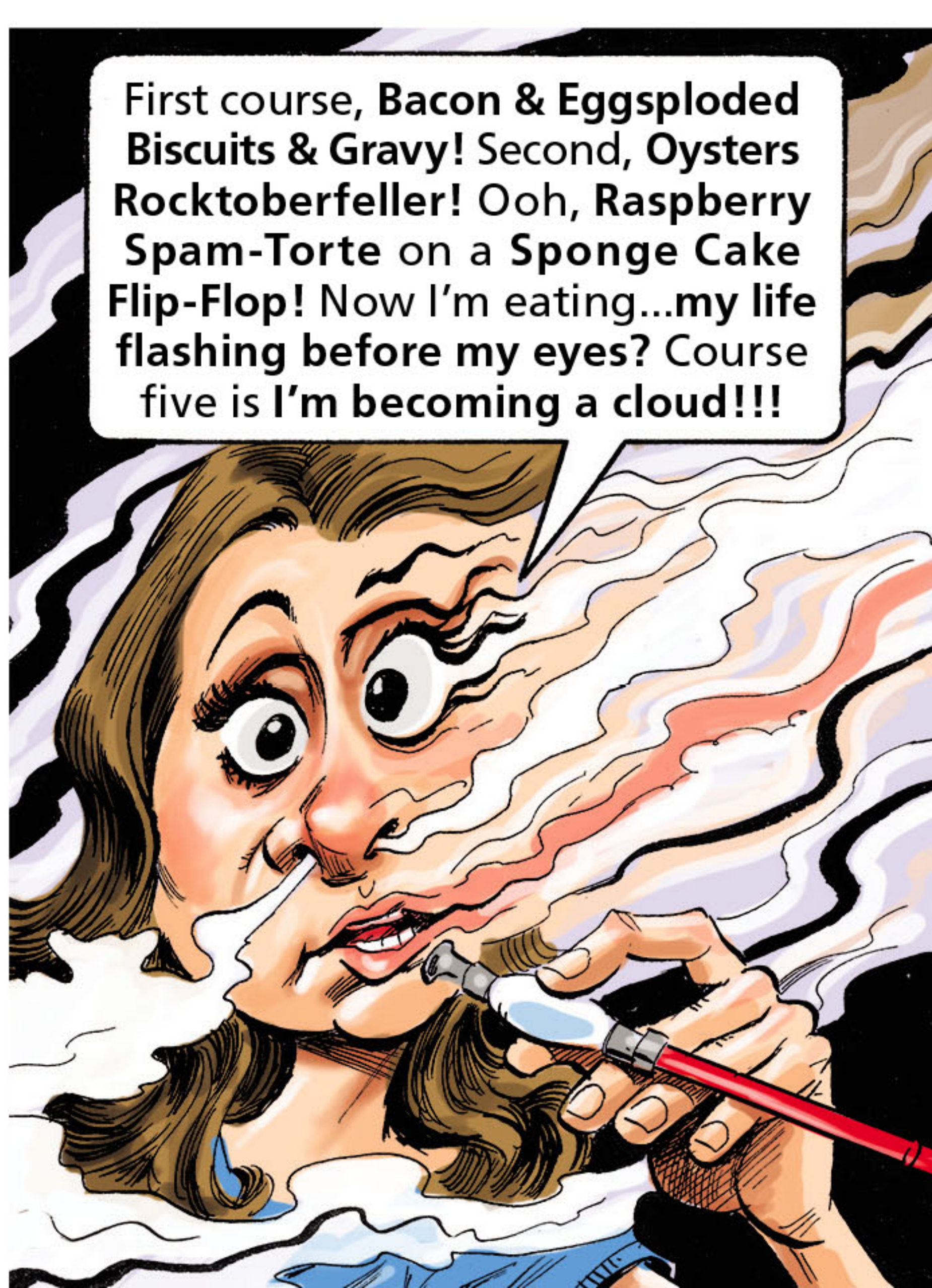
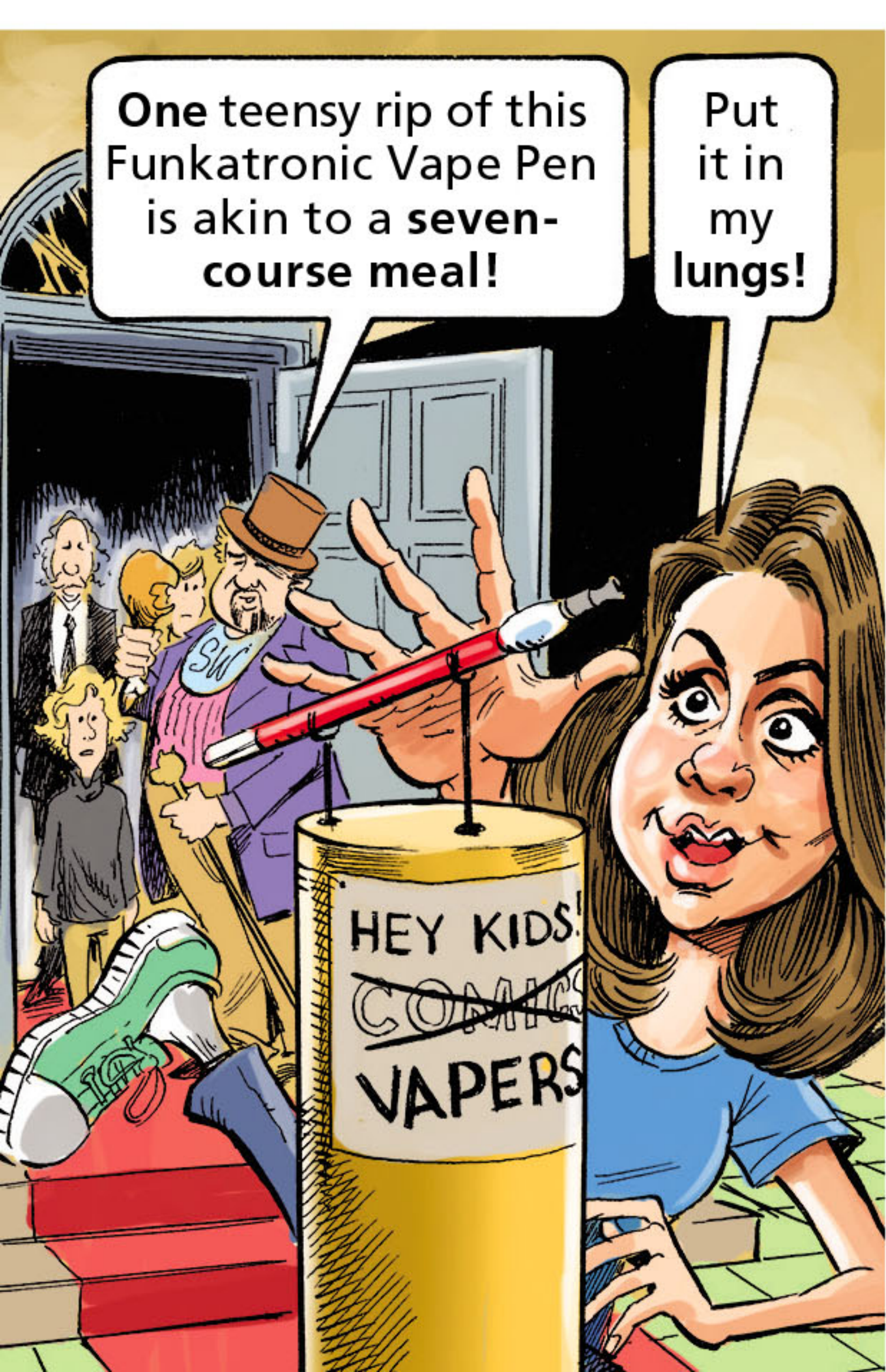
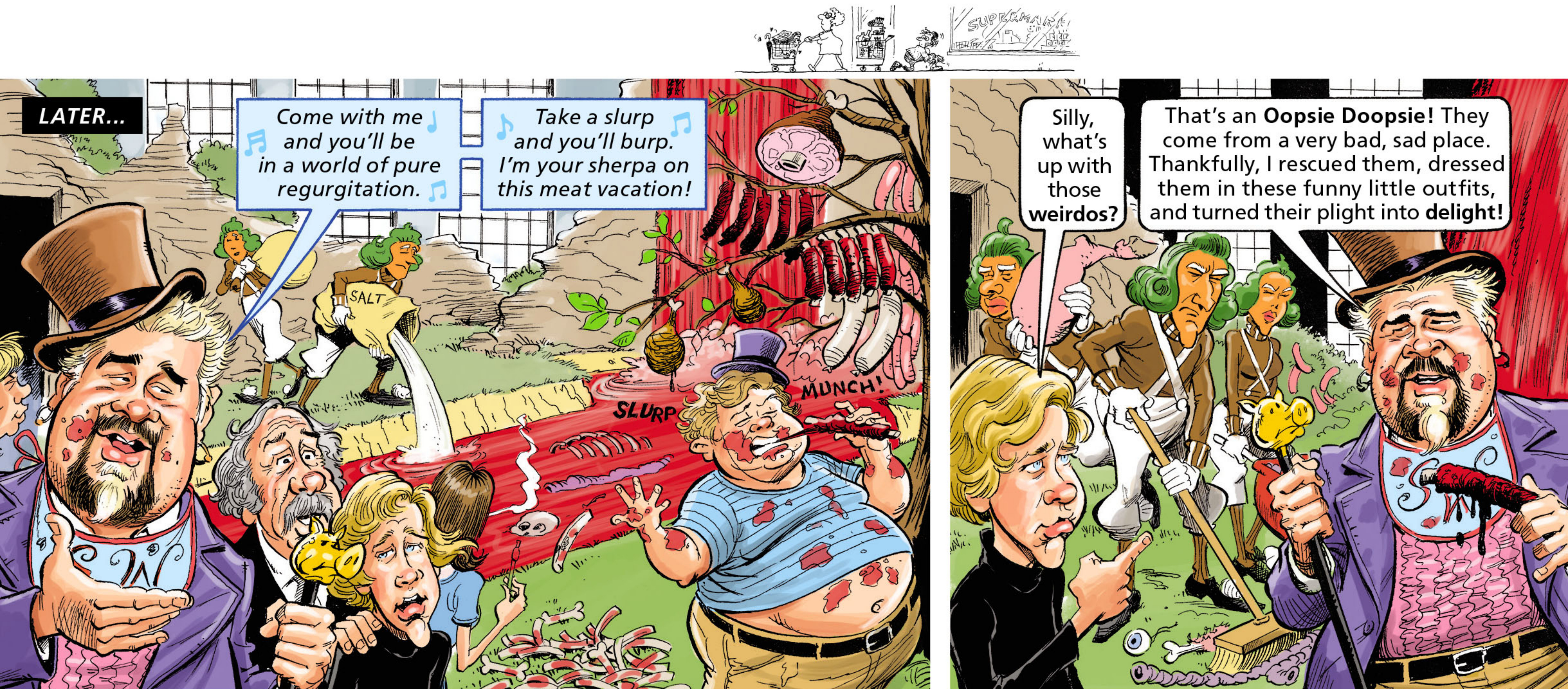
Which lucky soul will  
find the last knuck  
and gain infinite  
wealth for no good  
reason? And what  
fun, unique character  
quirks will they have?!

Richmond

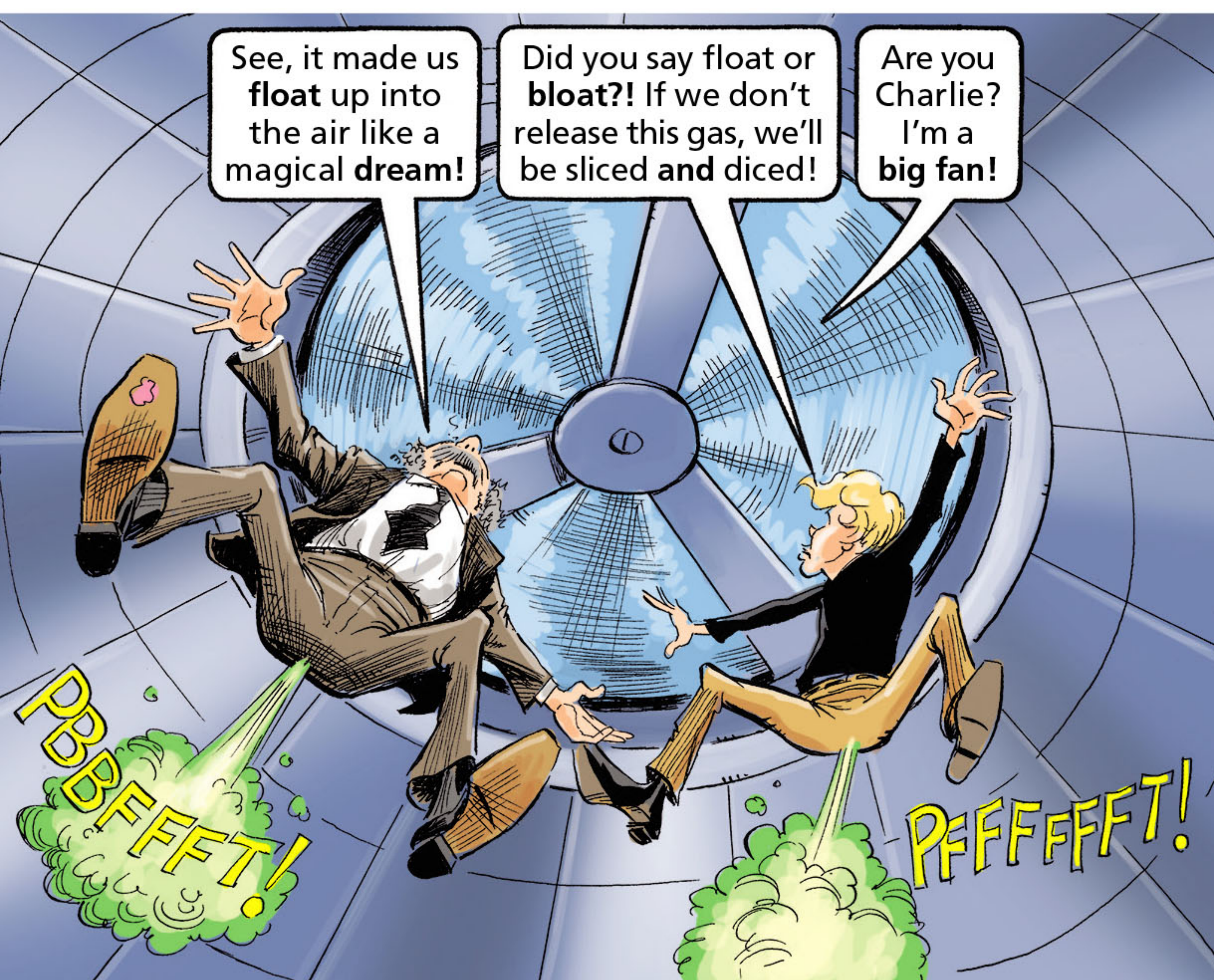
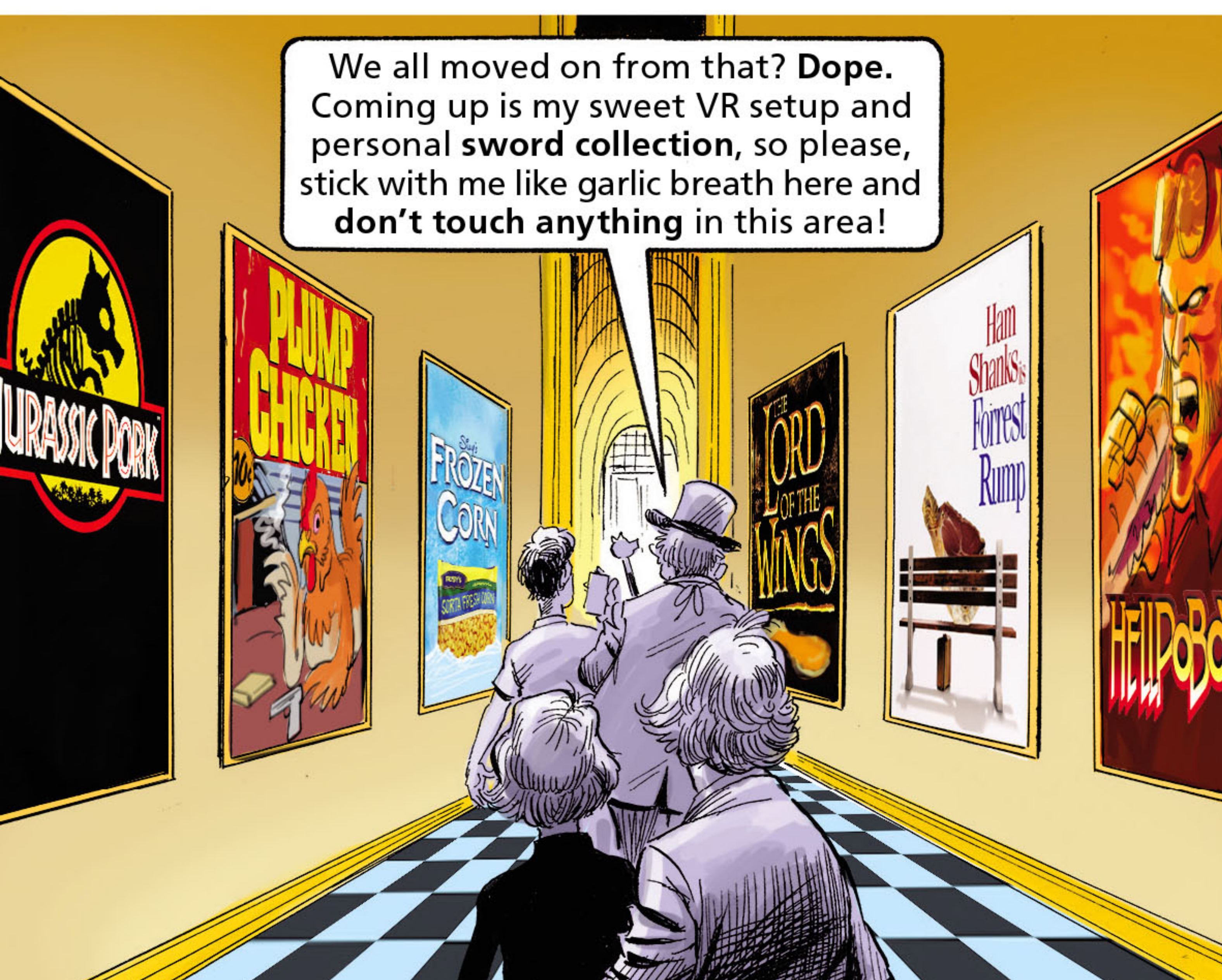
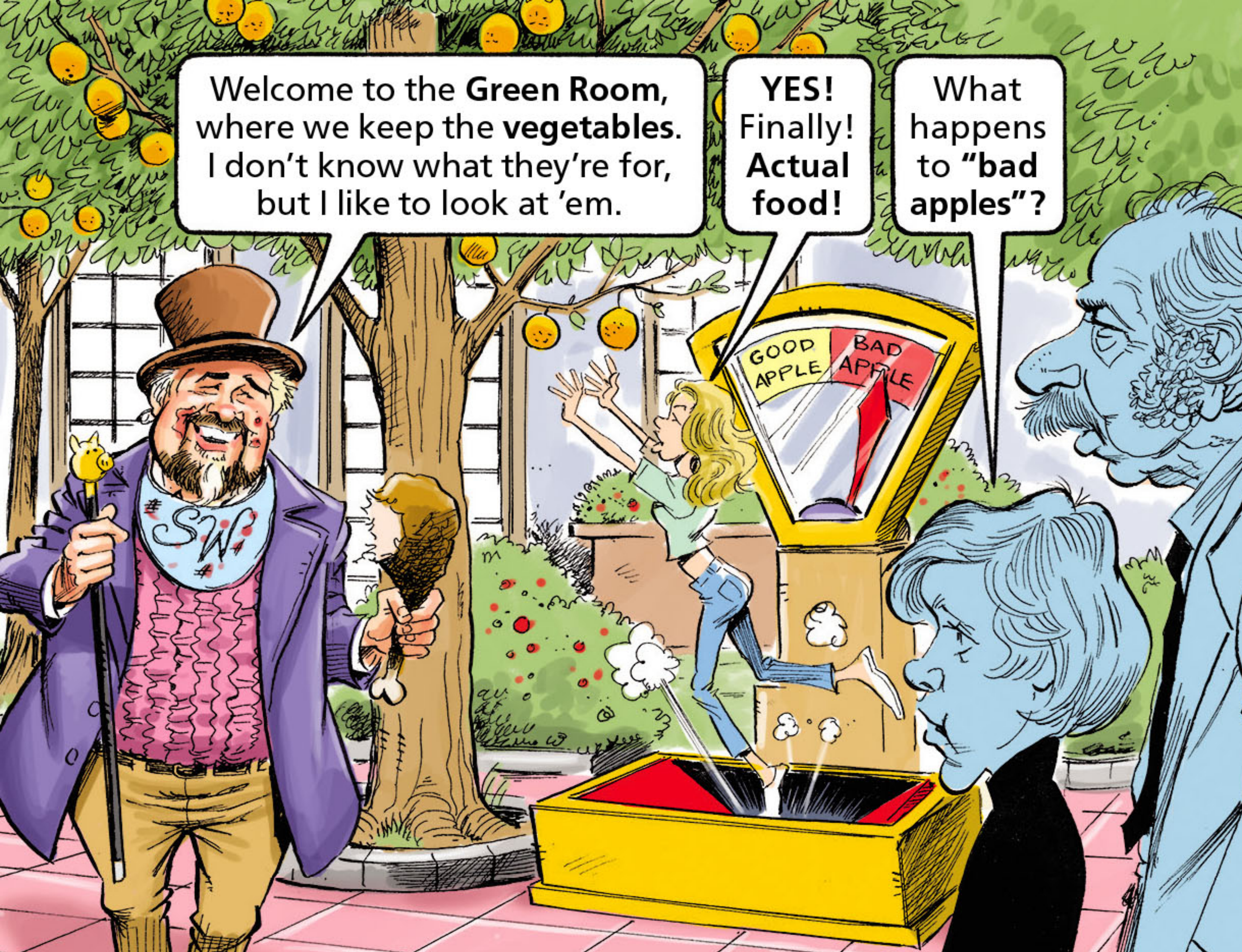




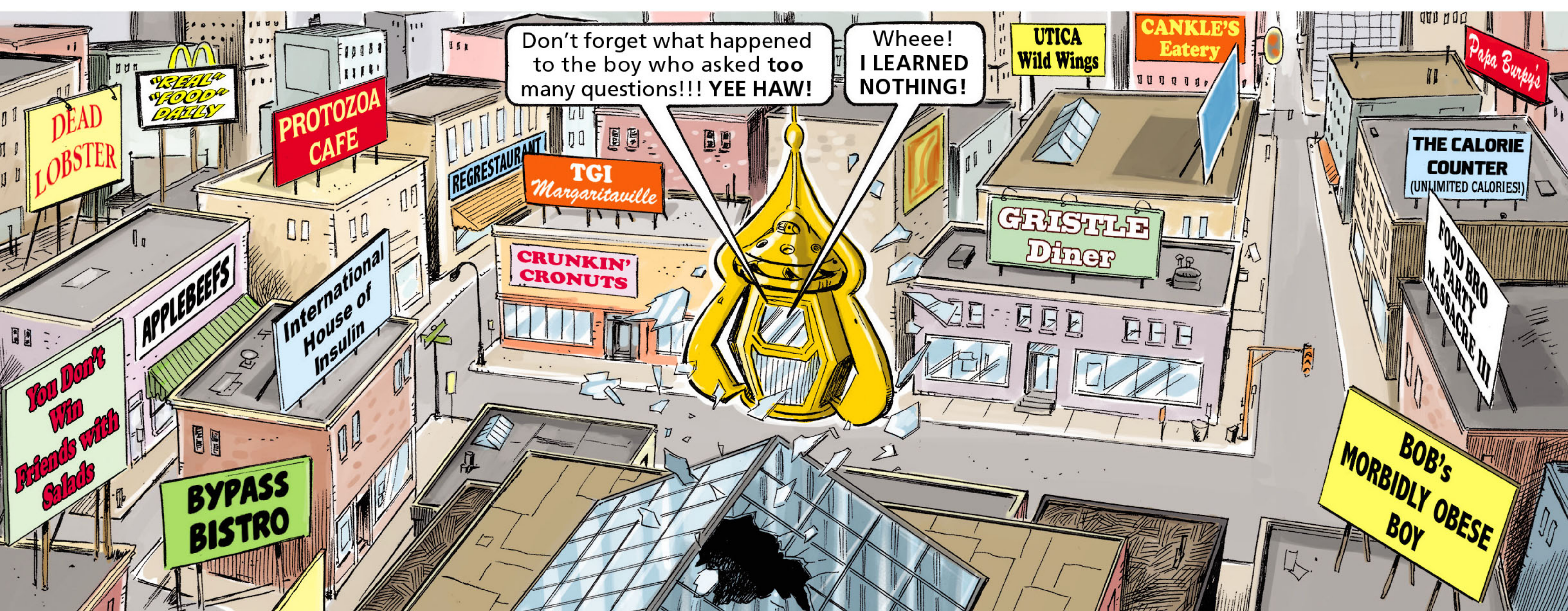
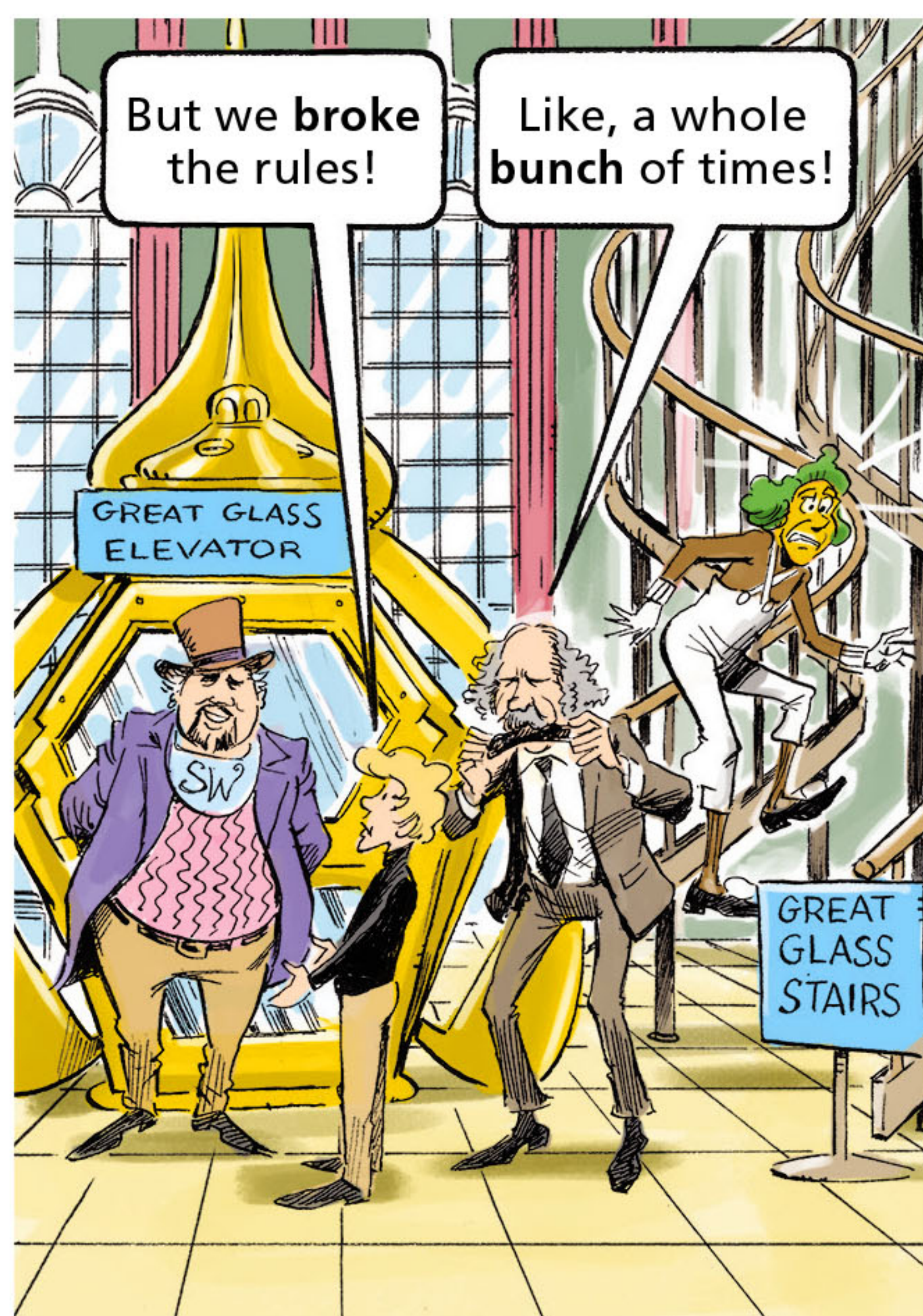
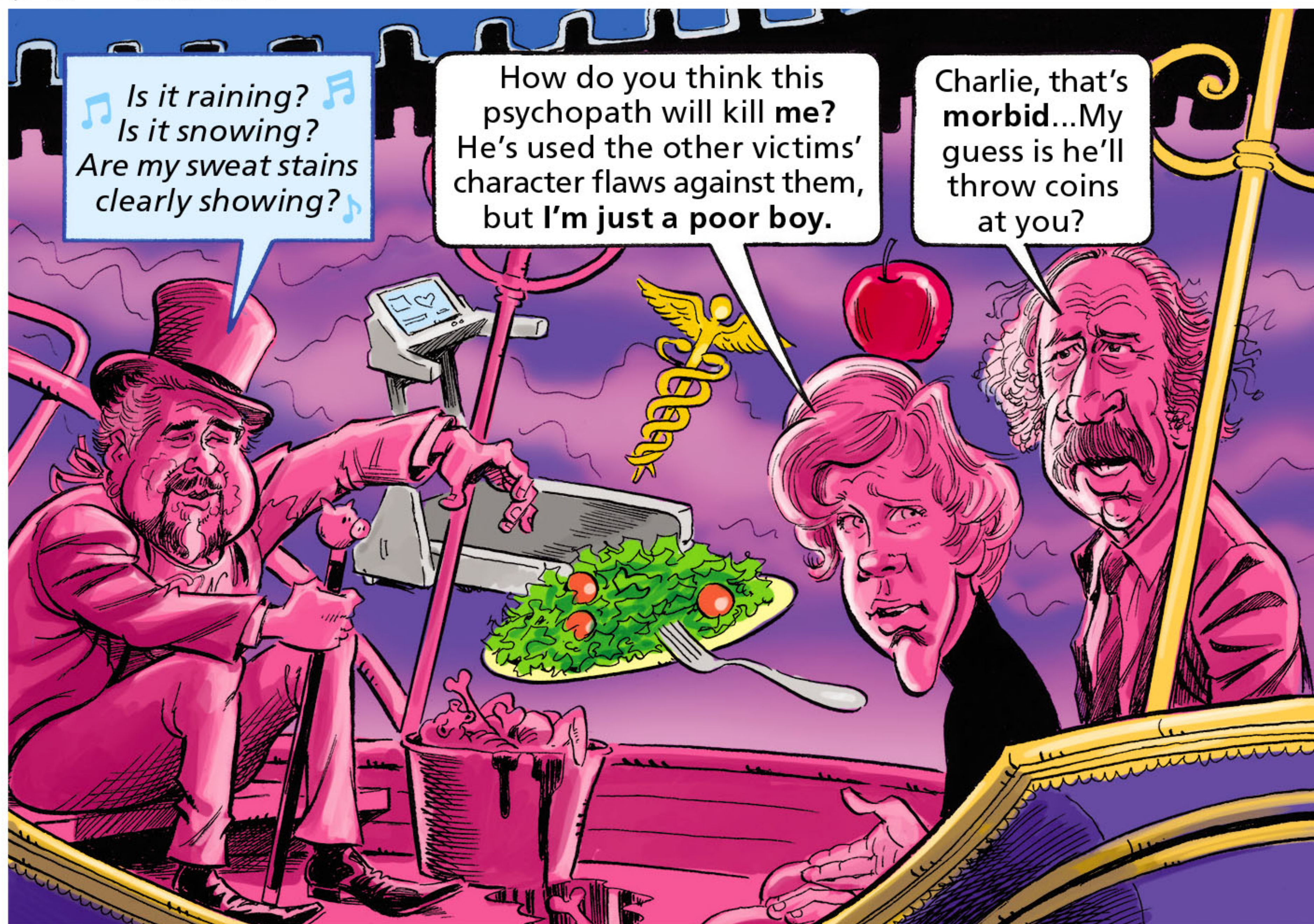
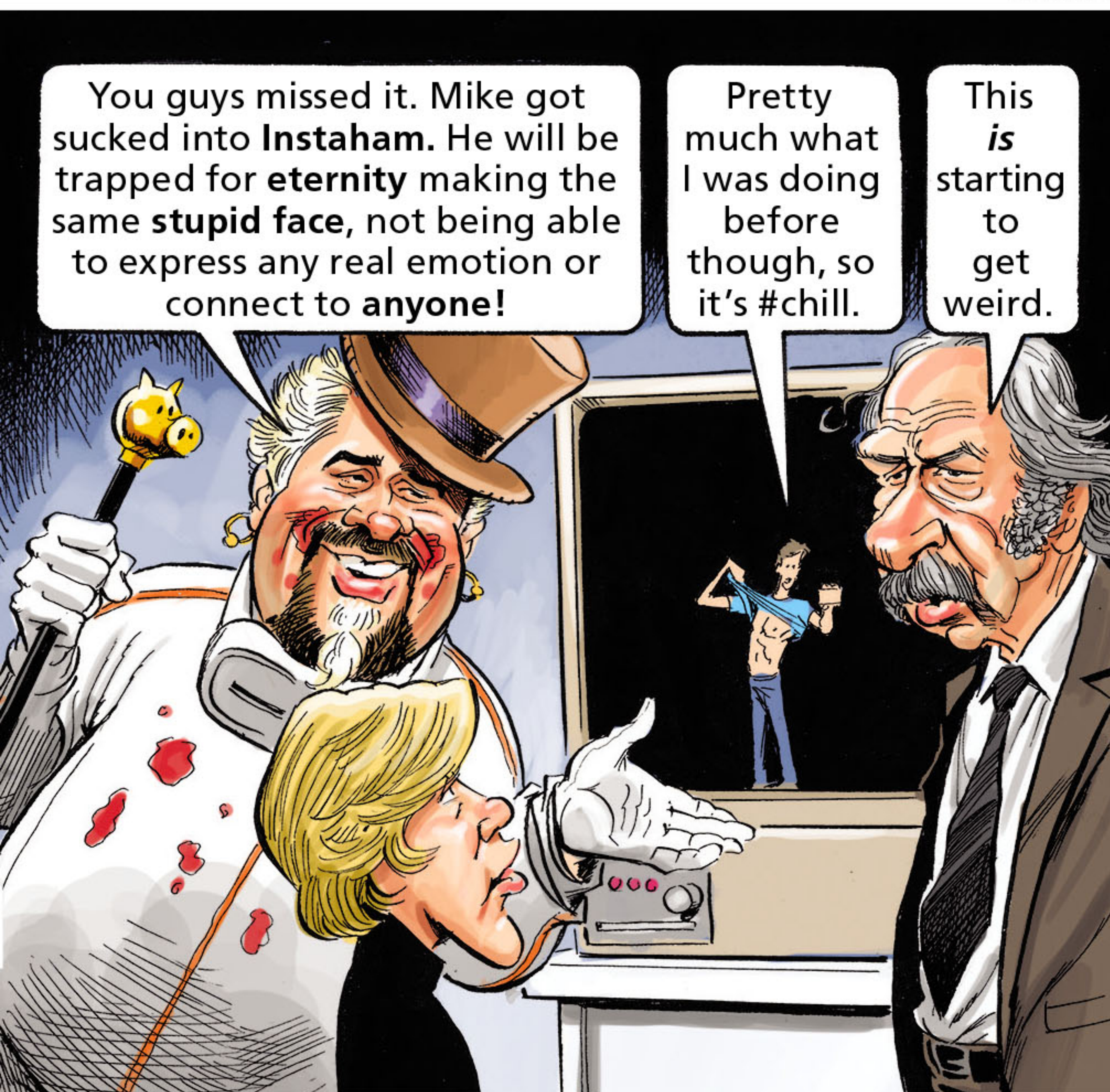










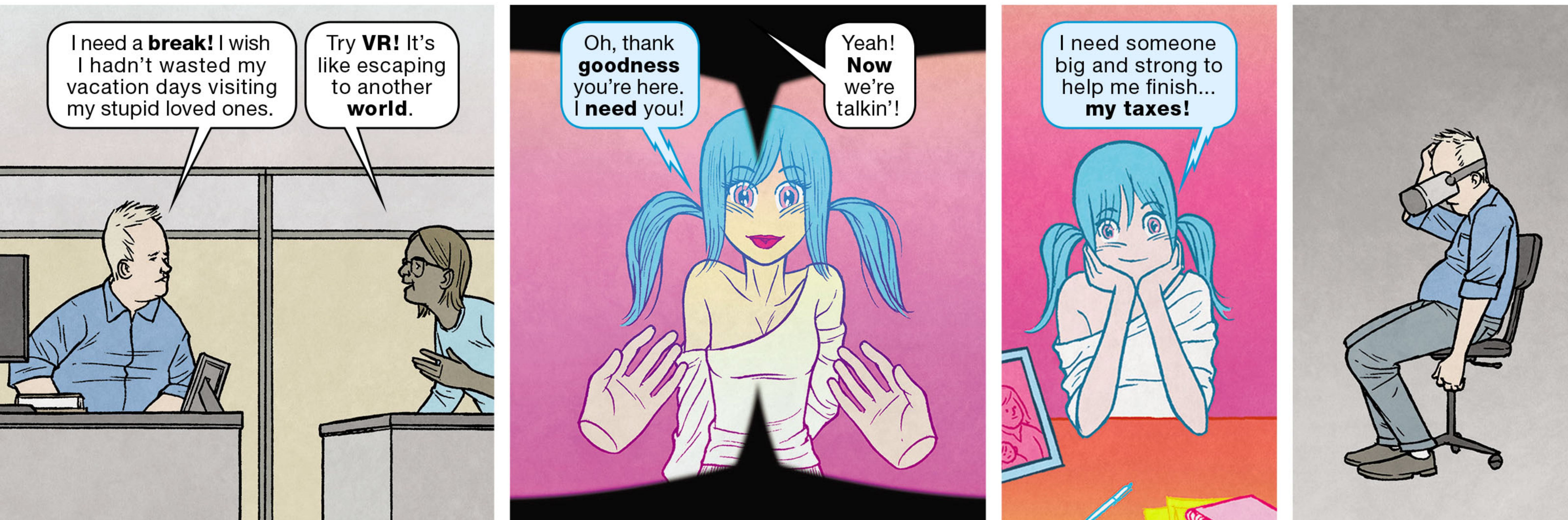




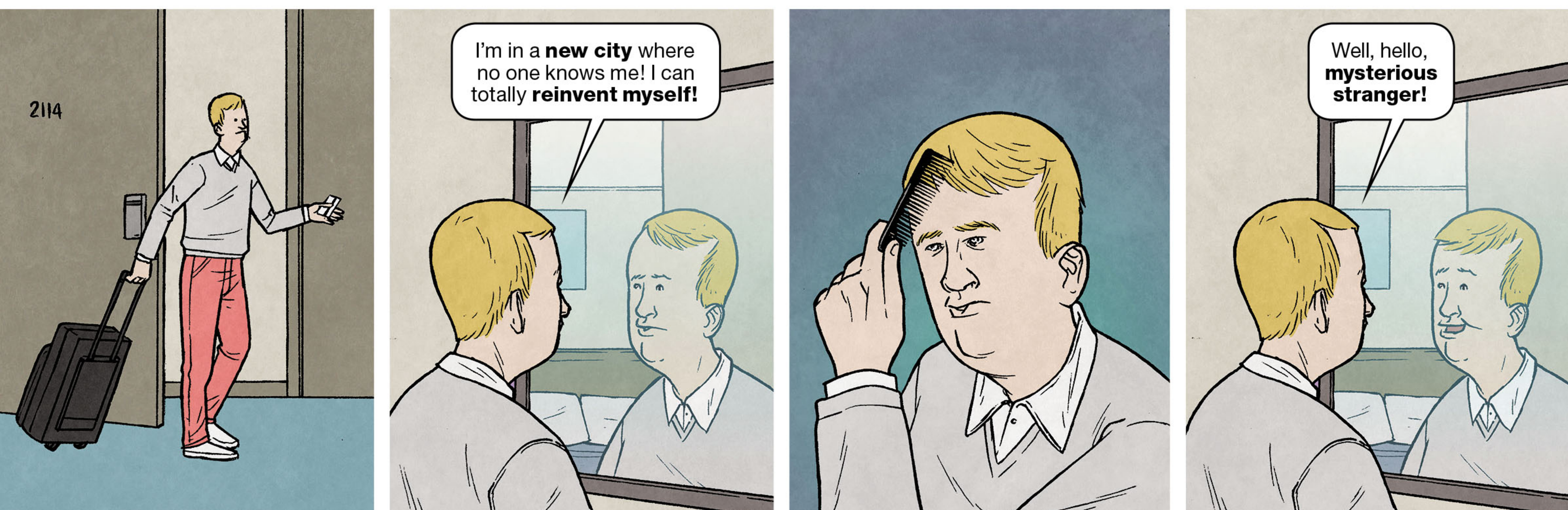
# THE LIGHTER SIDE OF GETTING AWAY

WRITER TAMMY GOLDEN ARTIST JON ADAMS

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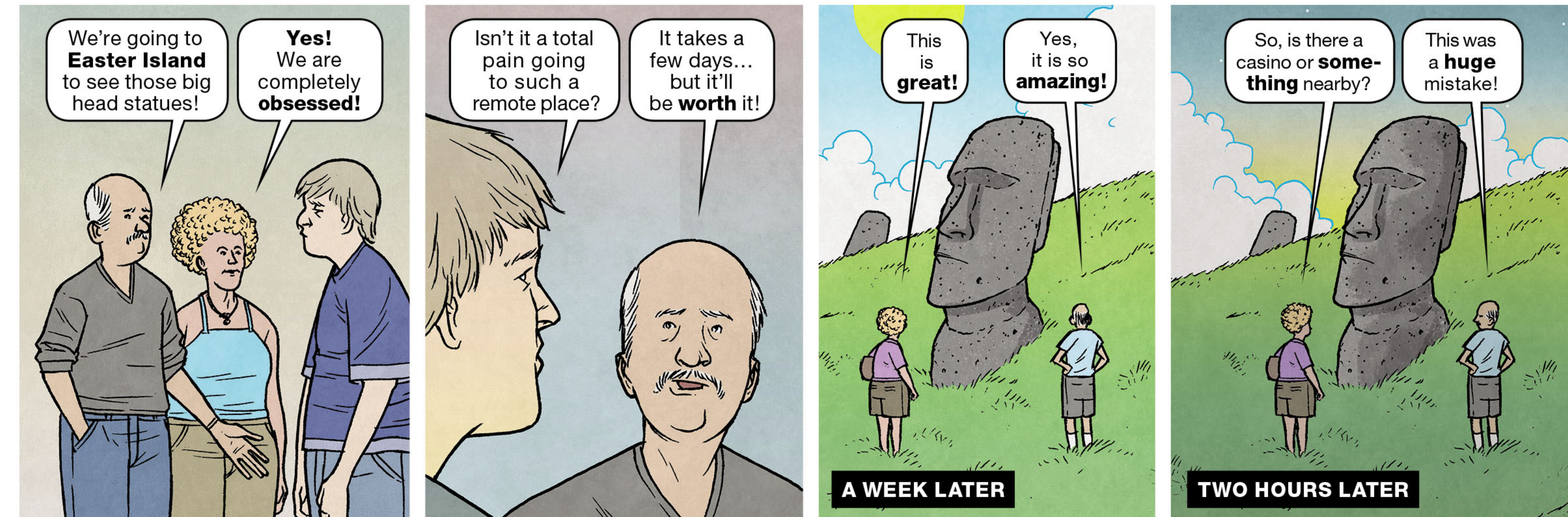
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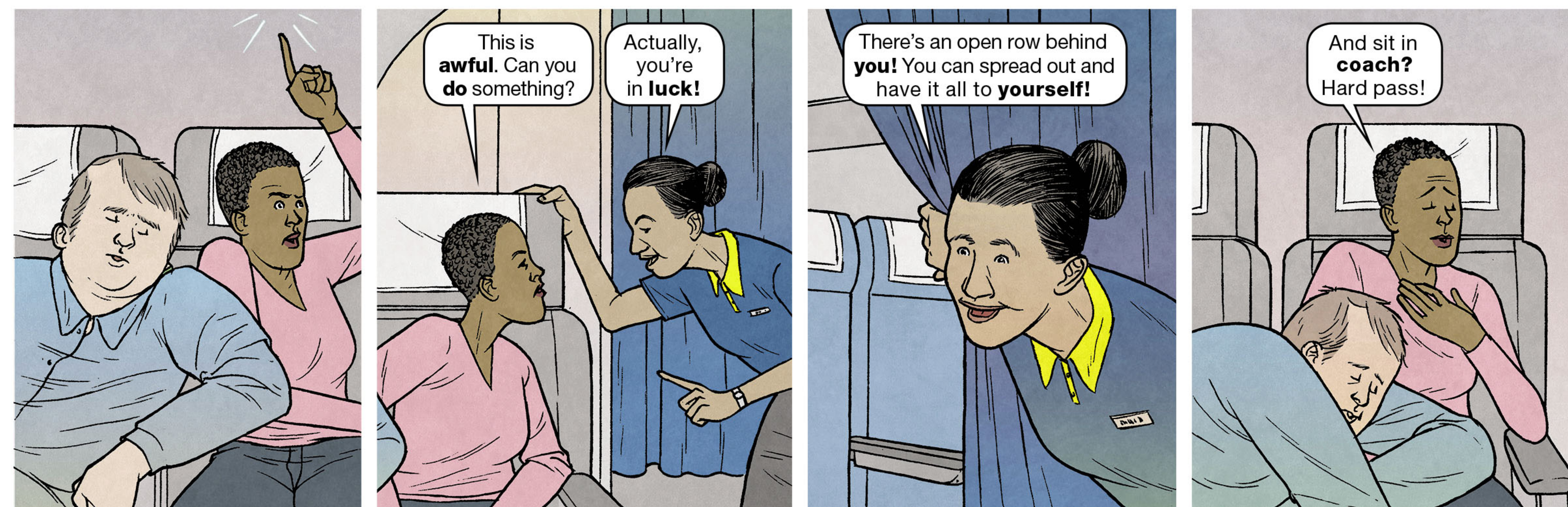
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## HEADS UP



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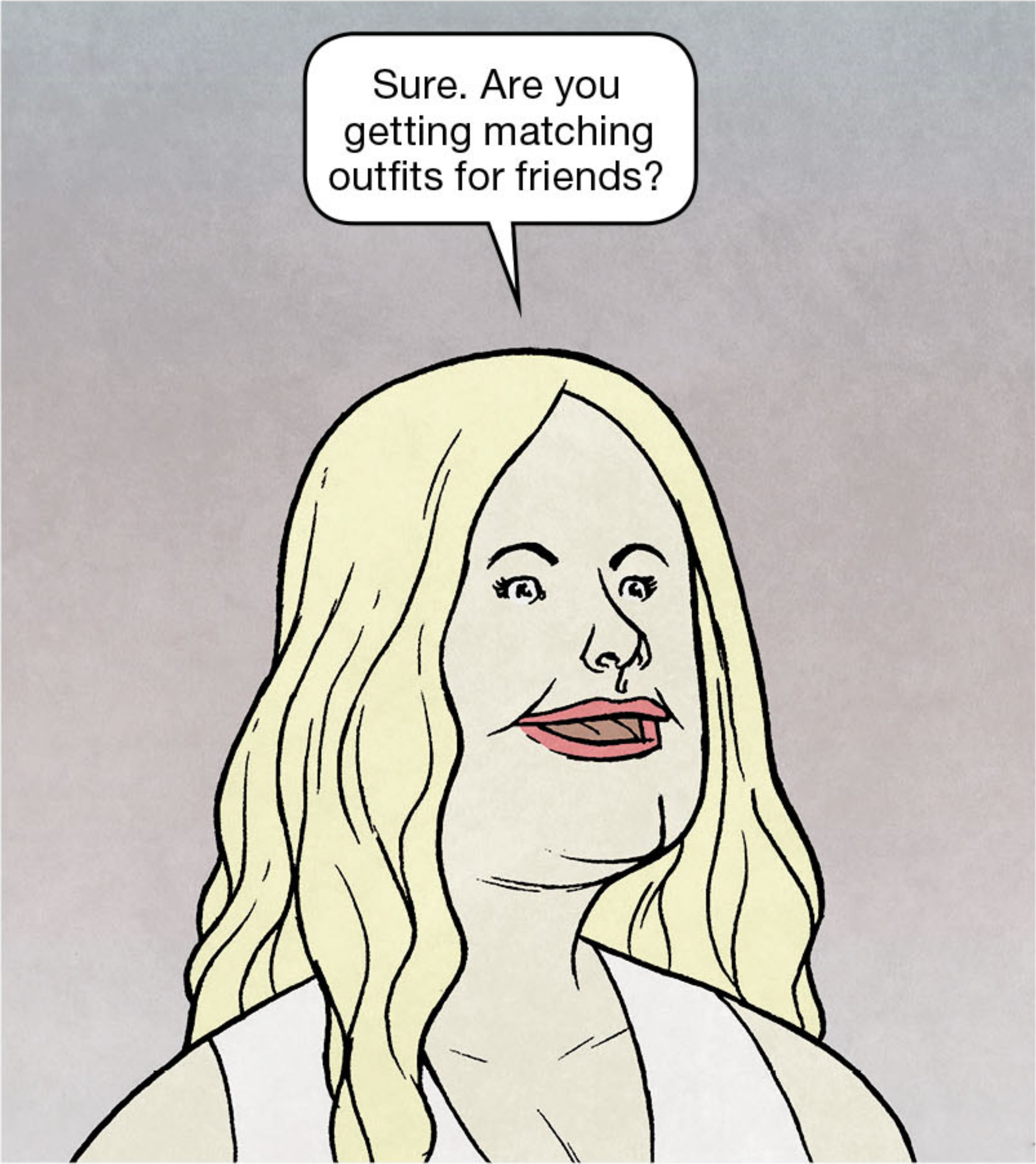


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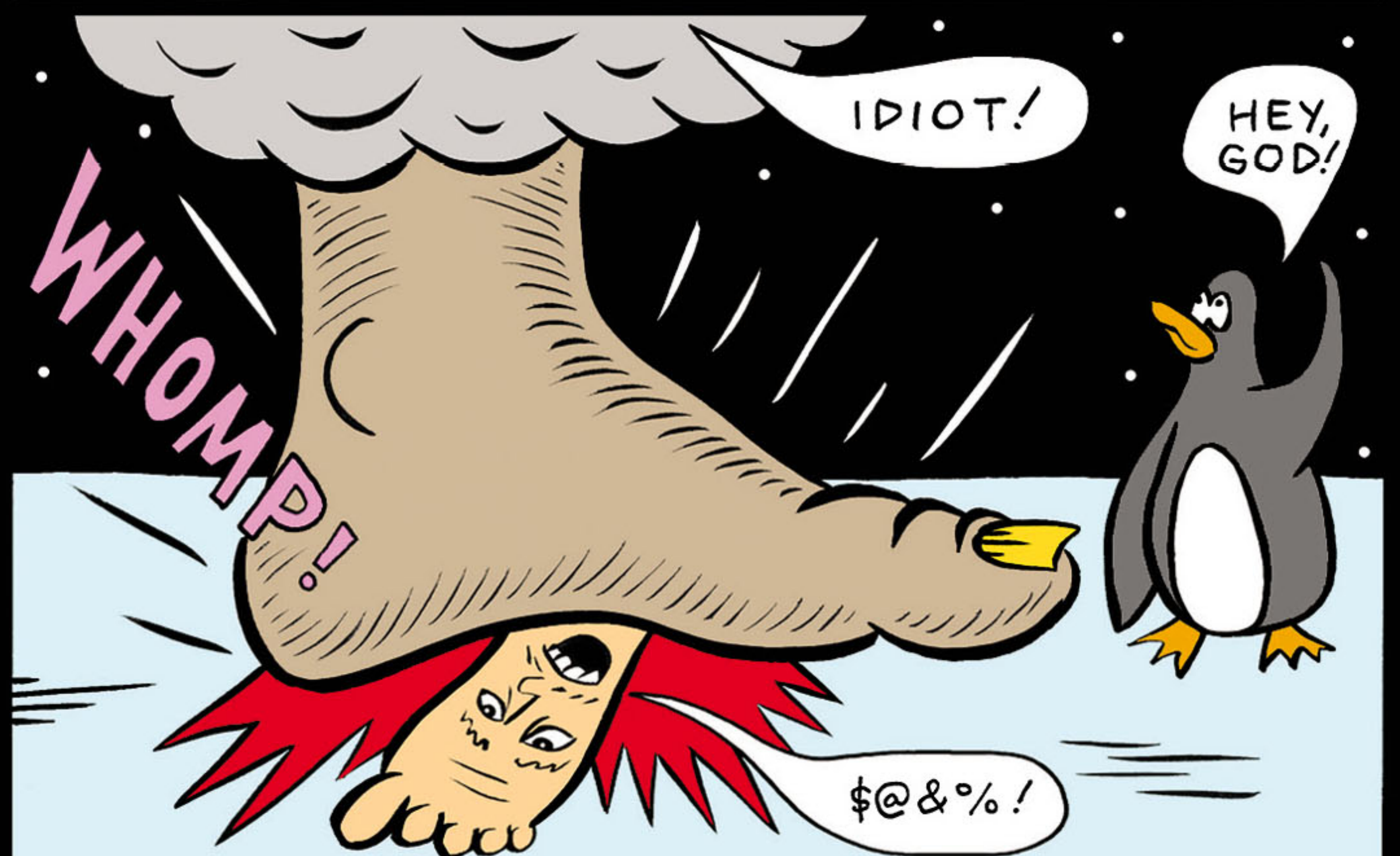
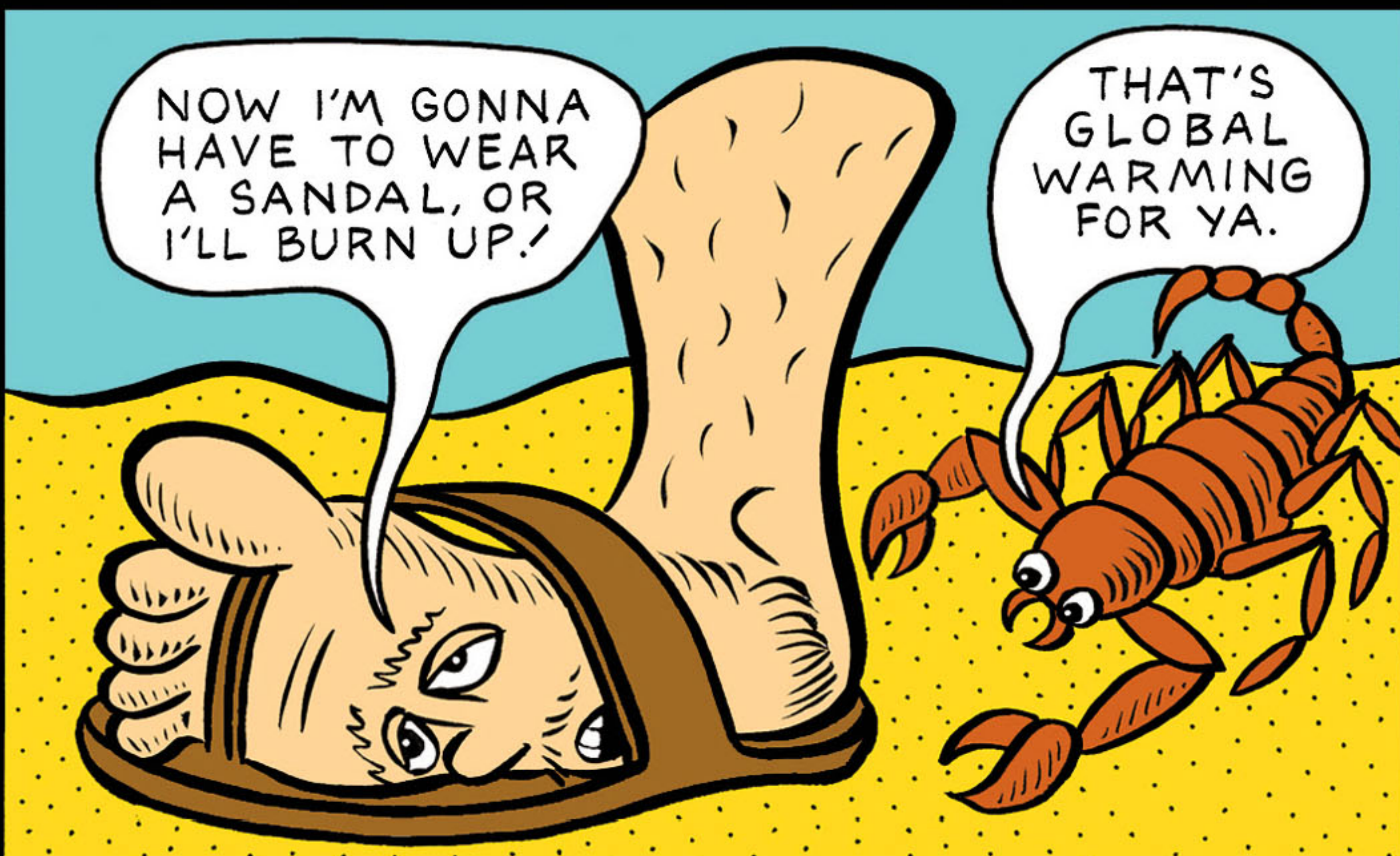
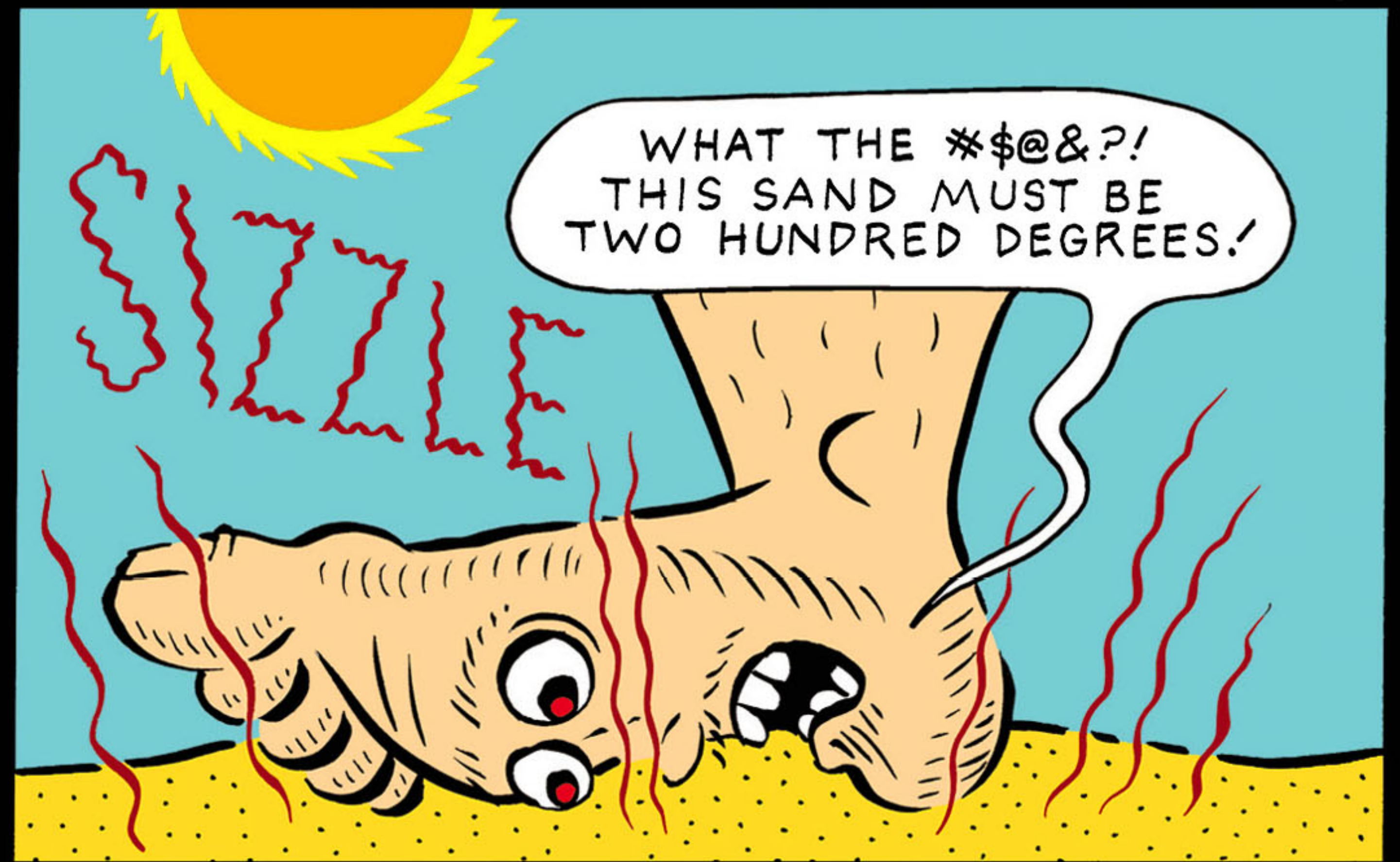






# HOT HORROR PLANET

THE ECO-APOCALYPSE FUNNY PAGE FOR RIB-TICKLIN' END TIMES!







How do you tell right from wrong? Boy, it sure can be tricky. Kids once turned to those tousle-headed exemplars of what to do, and what *not* to do, from *Highlights* magazine. With times-a-changin', we're adding a fresh new face to help navigate morality in today's messed up, topsy-turvy world!

# Goofus and Gallant and Donald

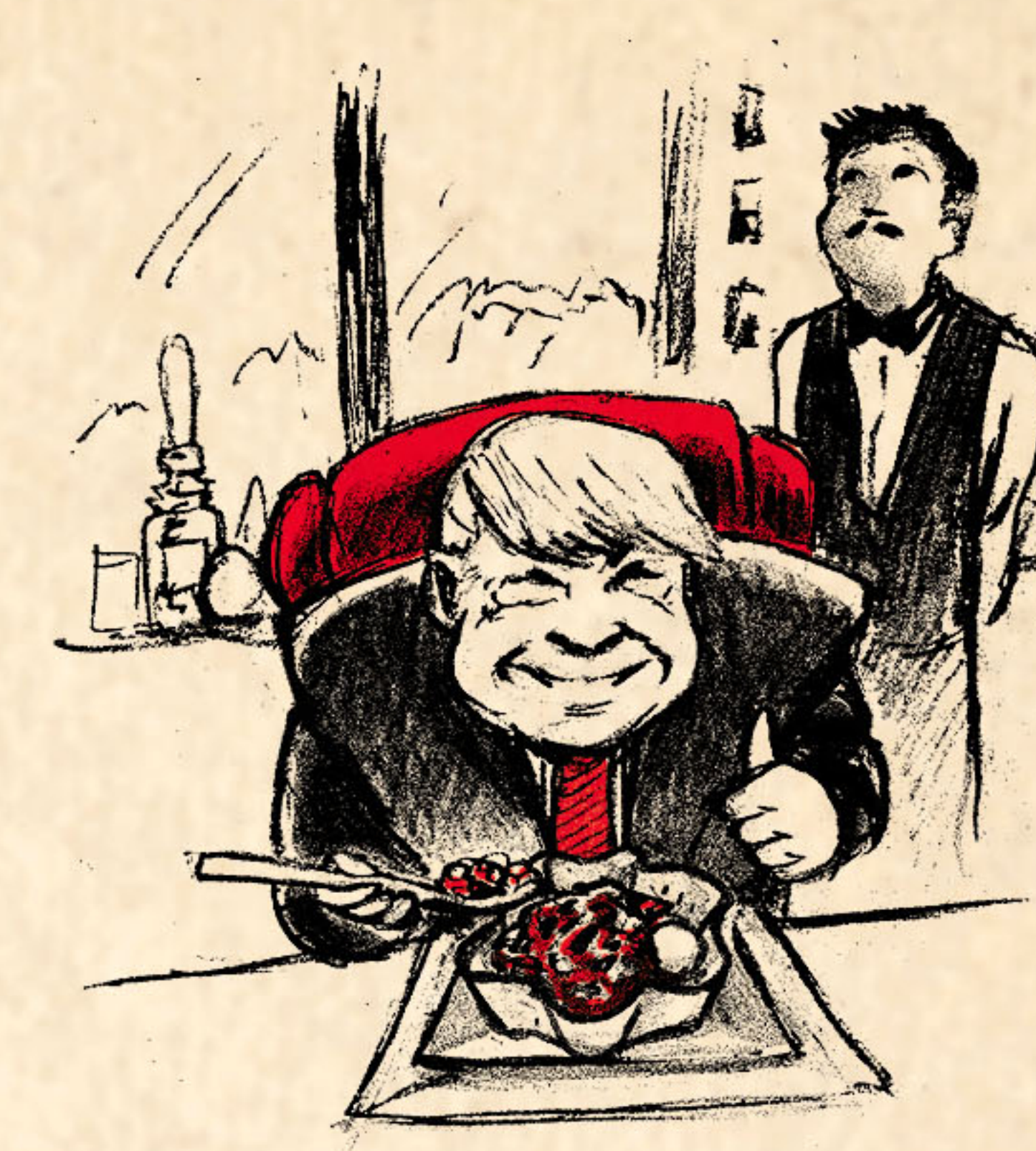
WRITER VAN JENSEN ARTIST MARC PALM



Goofus is scared of people who look different than he does.



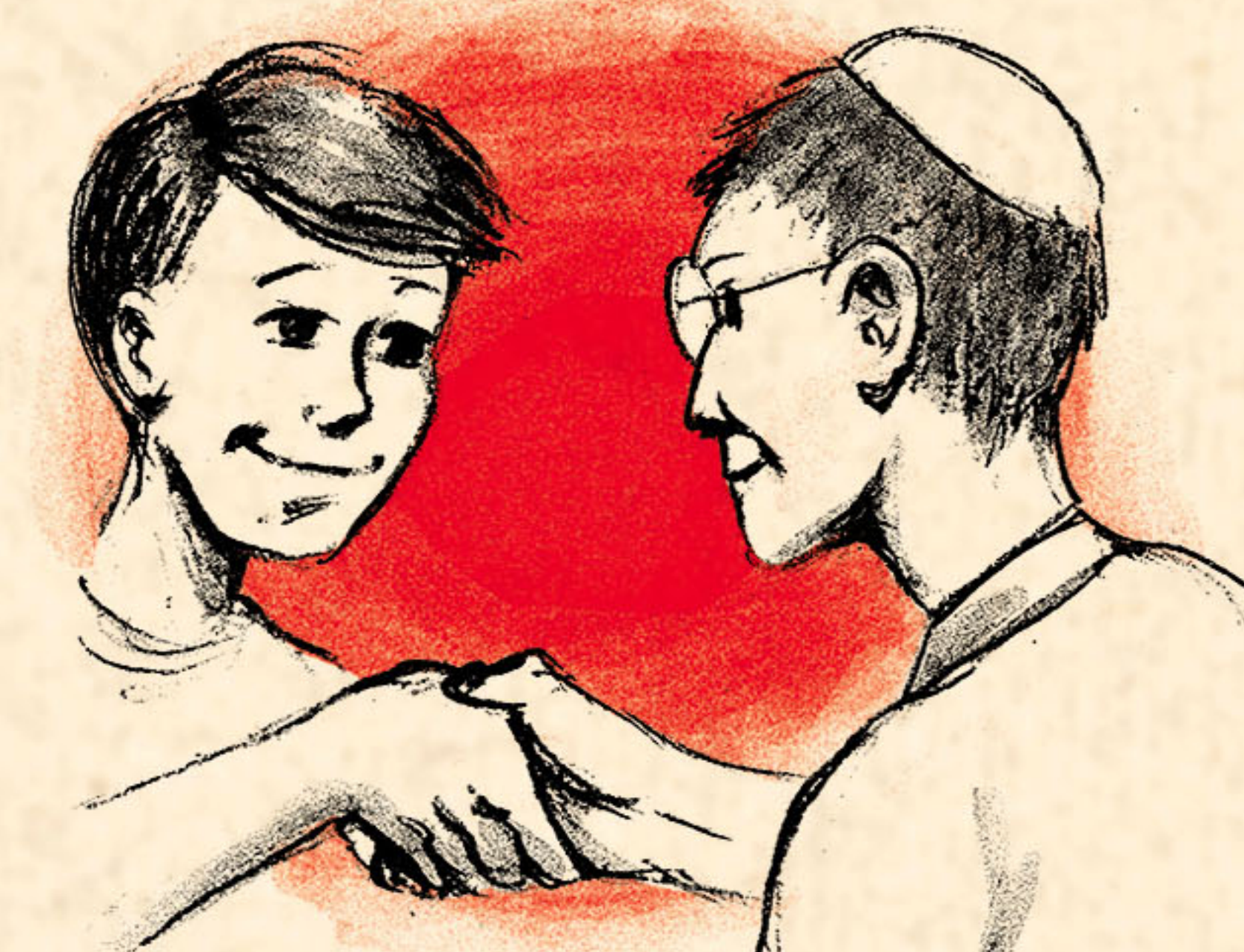
Gallant knows that everyone is special just as they are.



Donald loves Hispanics!



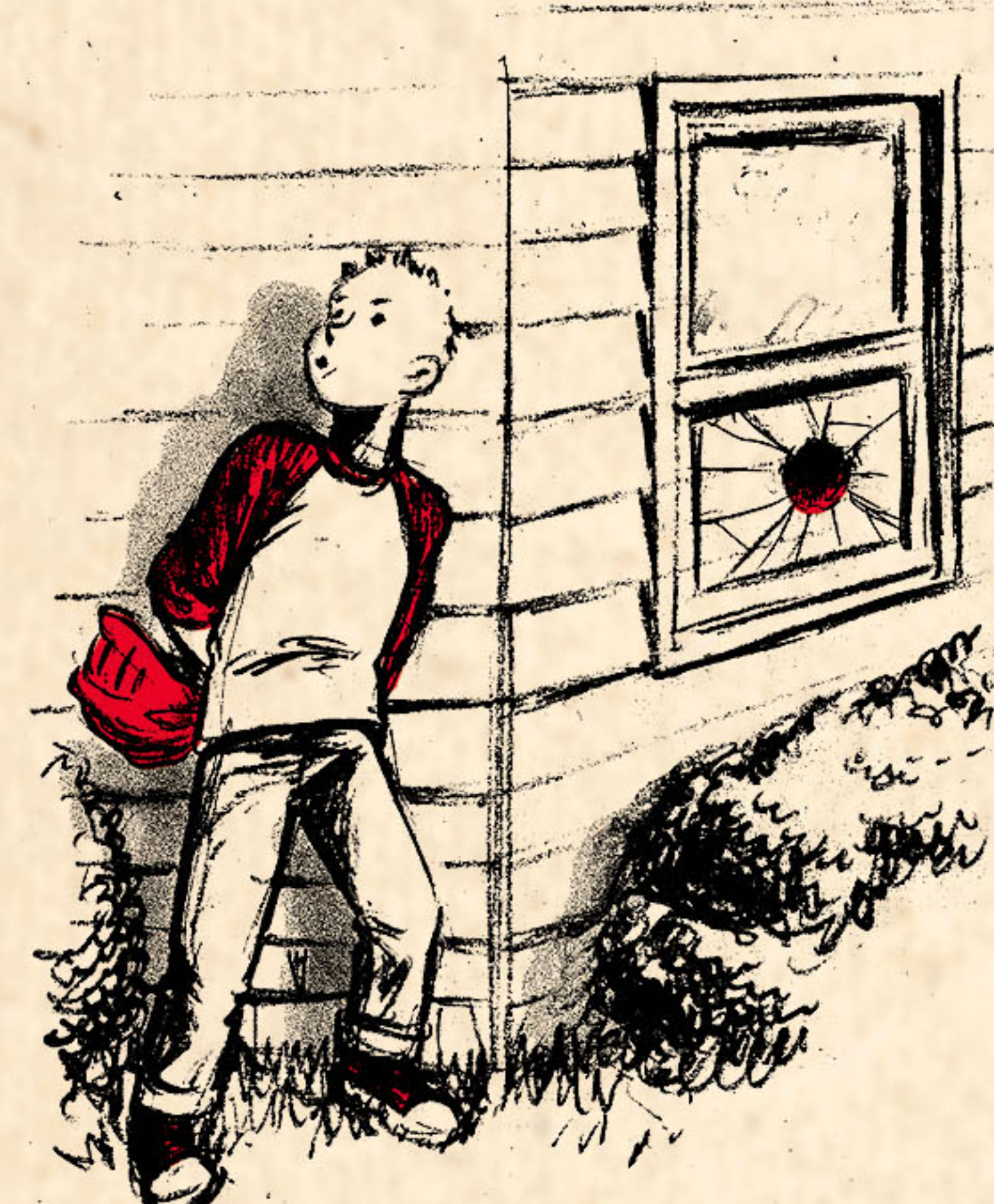
Goofus holds grudges.



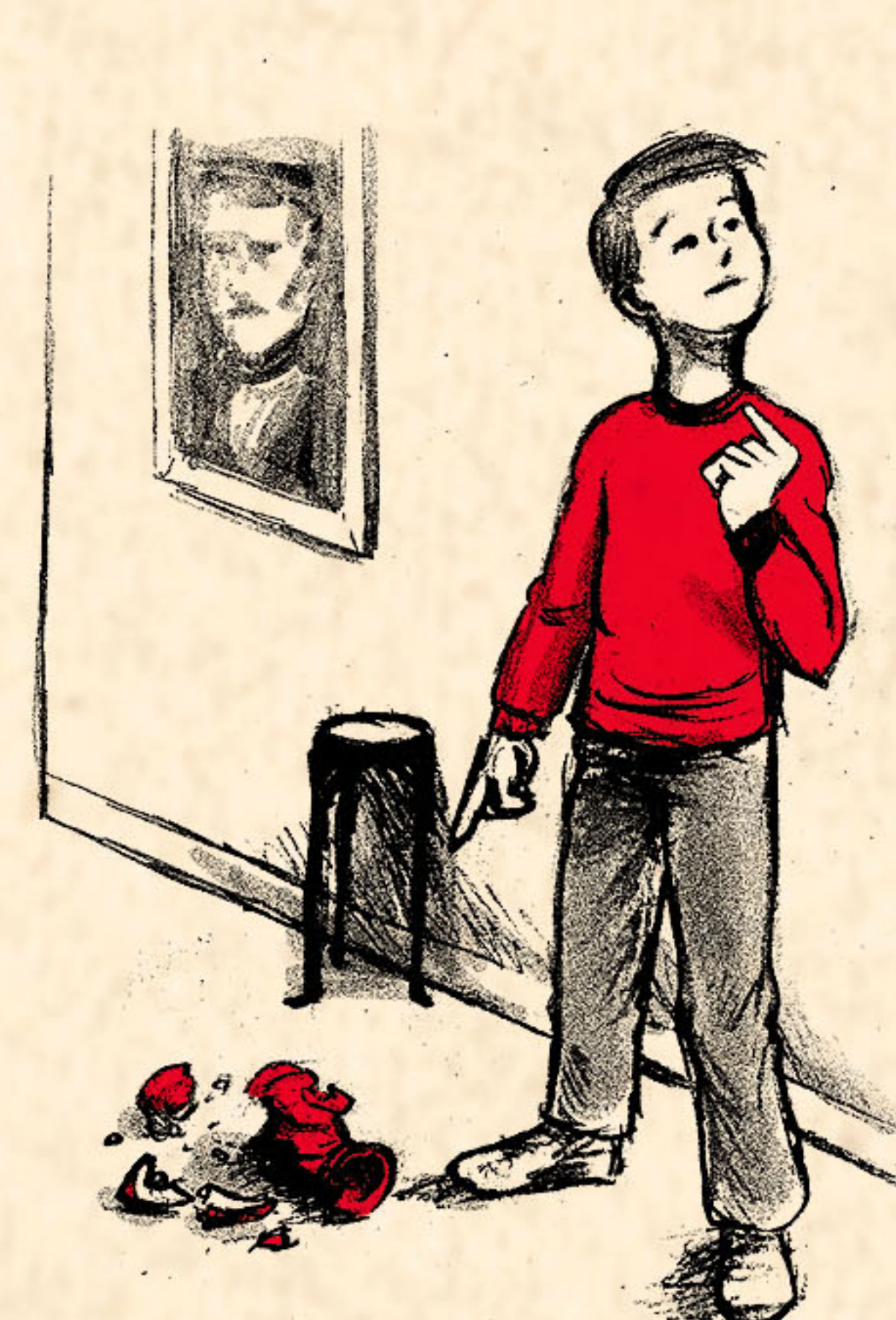
Gallant forgives people.



Donald has no enemies. His hired cronies make sure of that!



Goofus tells a fib to avoid getting in trouble.



Gallant tells the truth, even when he's to blame.



Donald never lies. Why aren't they investigating Hillary?



Goofus plays recklessly with his BB gun.



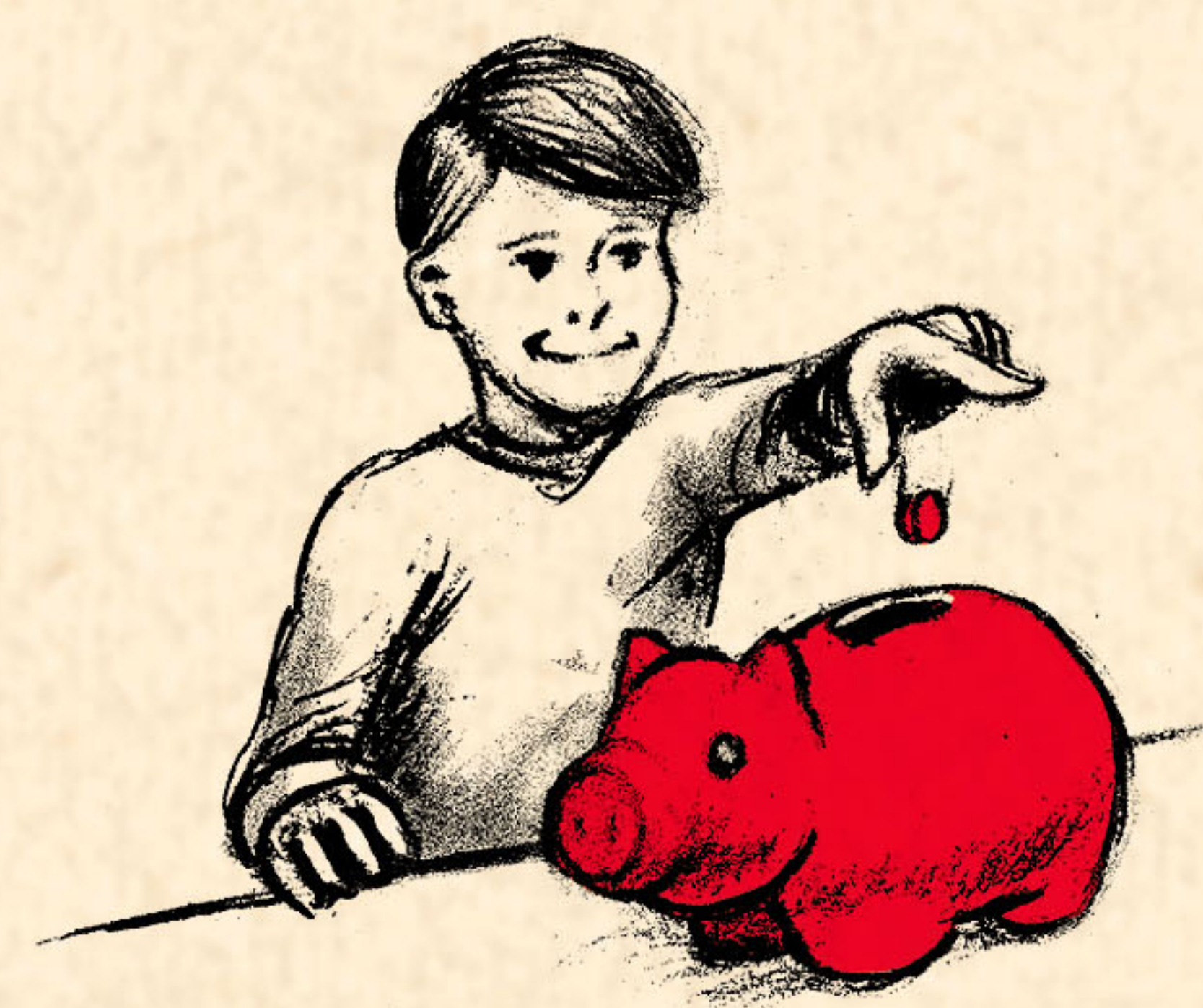
Gallant is extra safe when using anything dangerous.



Donald doesn't use guns! He just riles up his base of angry gun nuts!



Goofus spends money frivolously.



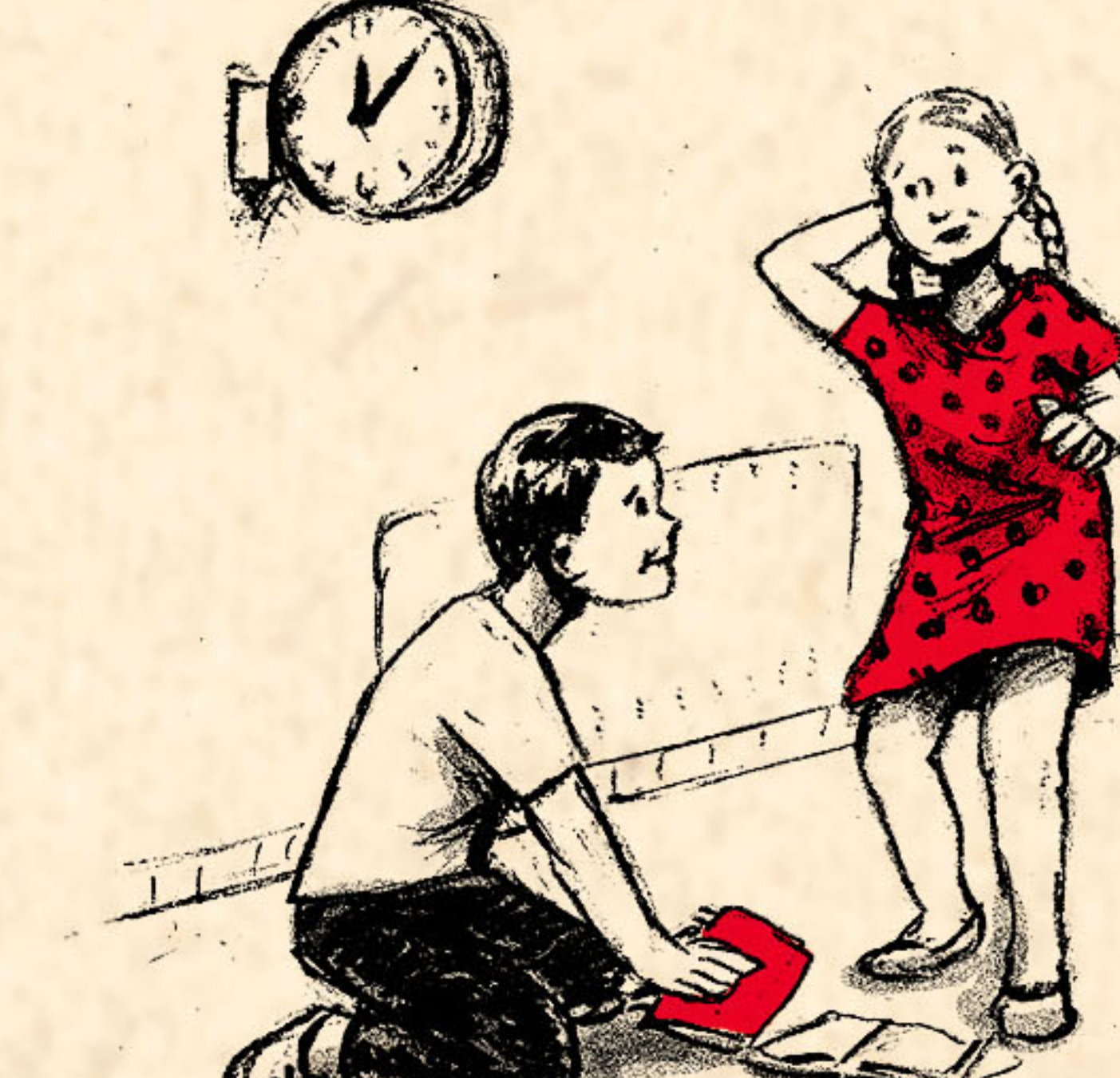
Gallant saves pennies for his college fund.



Donald never spends money. The American taxpayers cover everything!



Goofus plays rough with girls.



Gallant knows girls should be respected.



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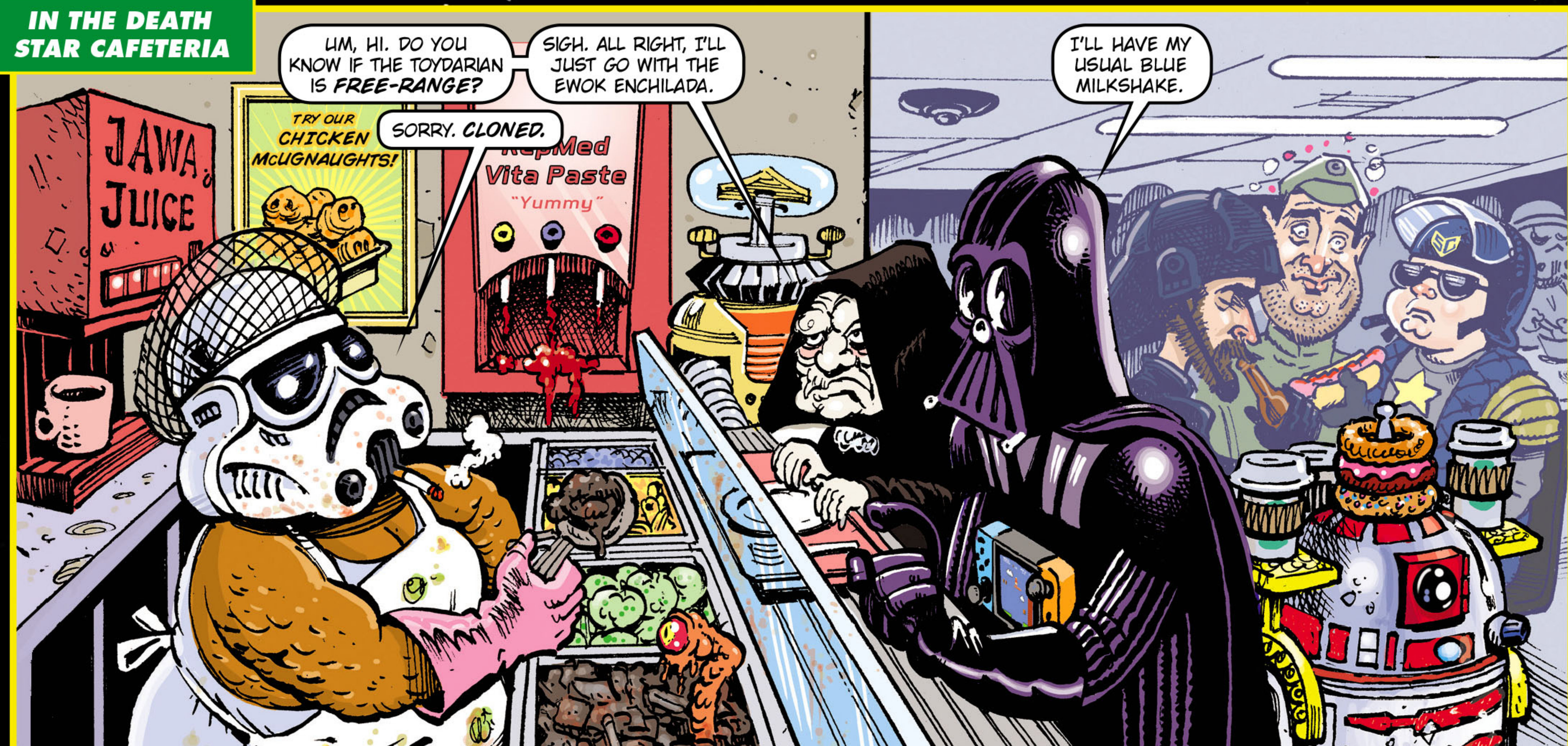




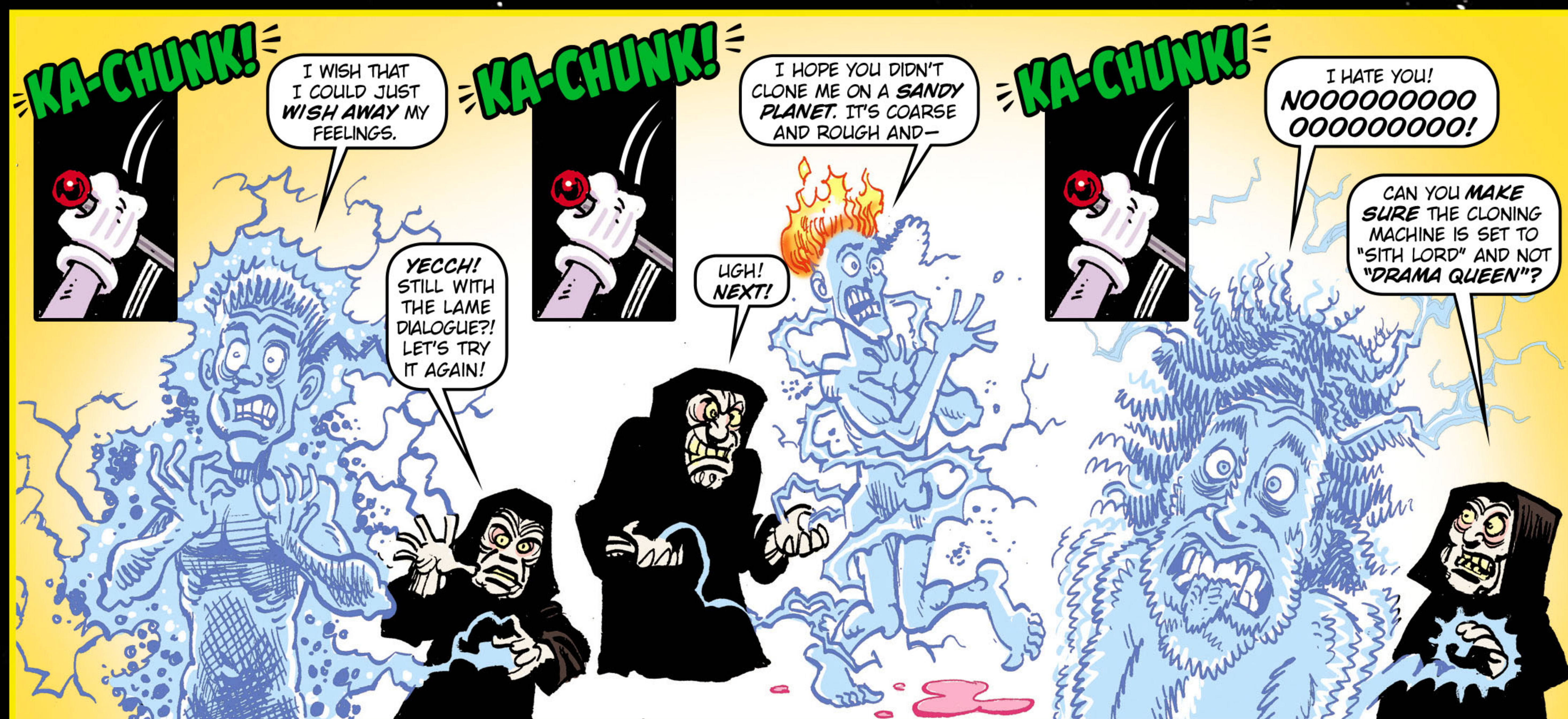
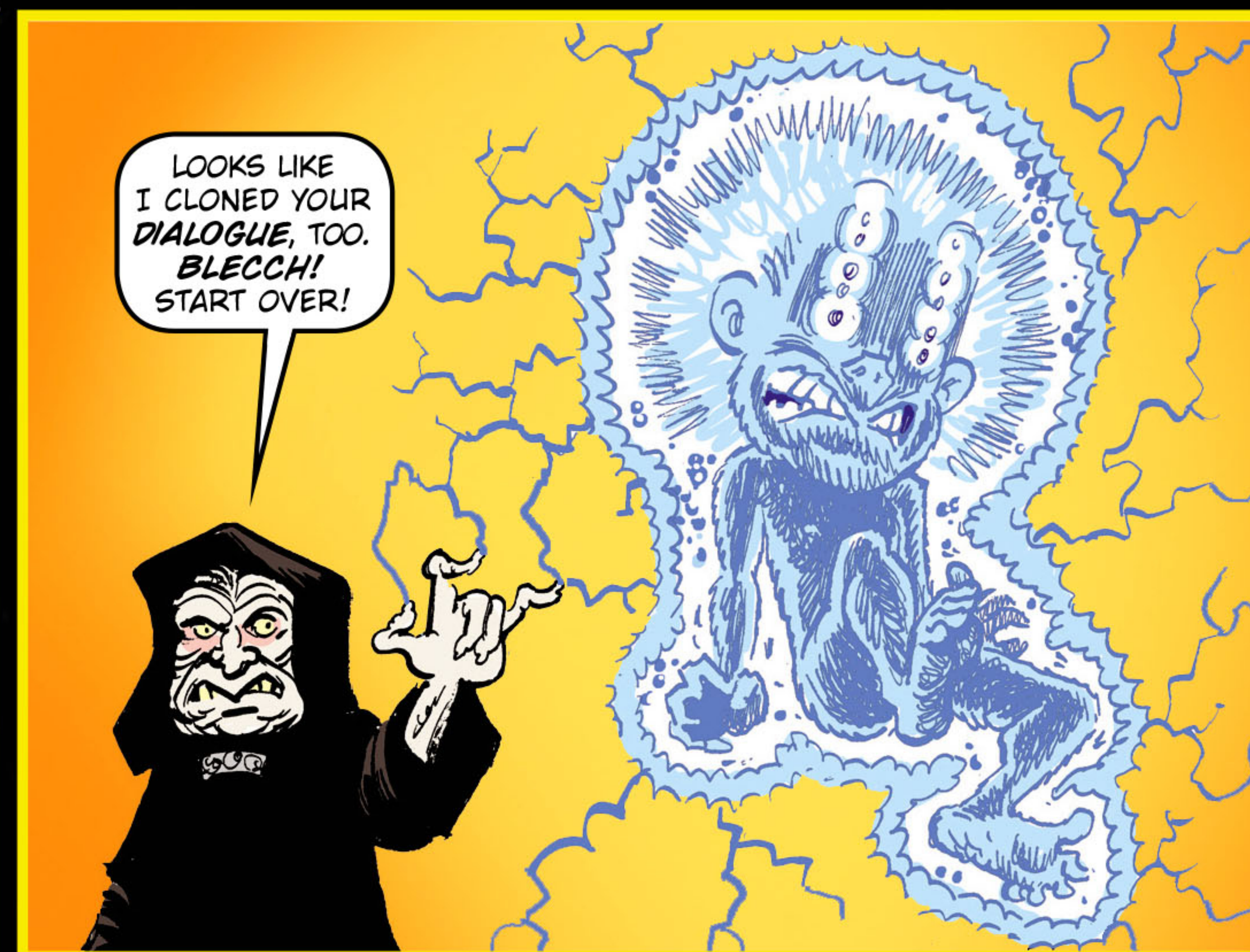
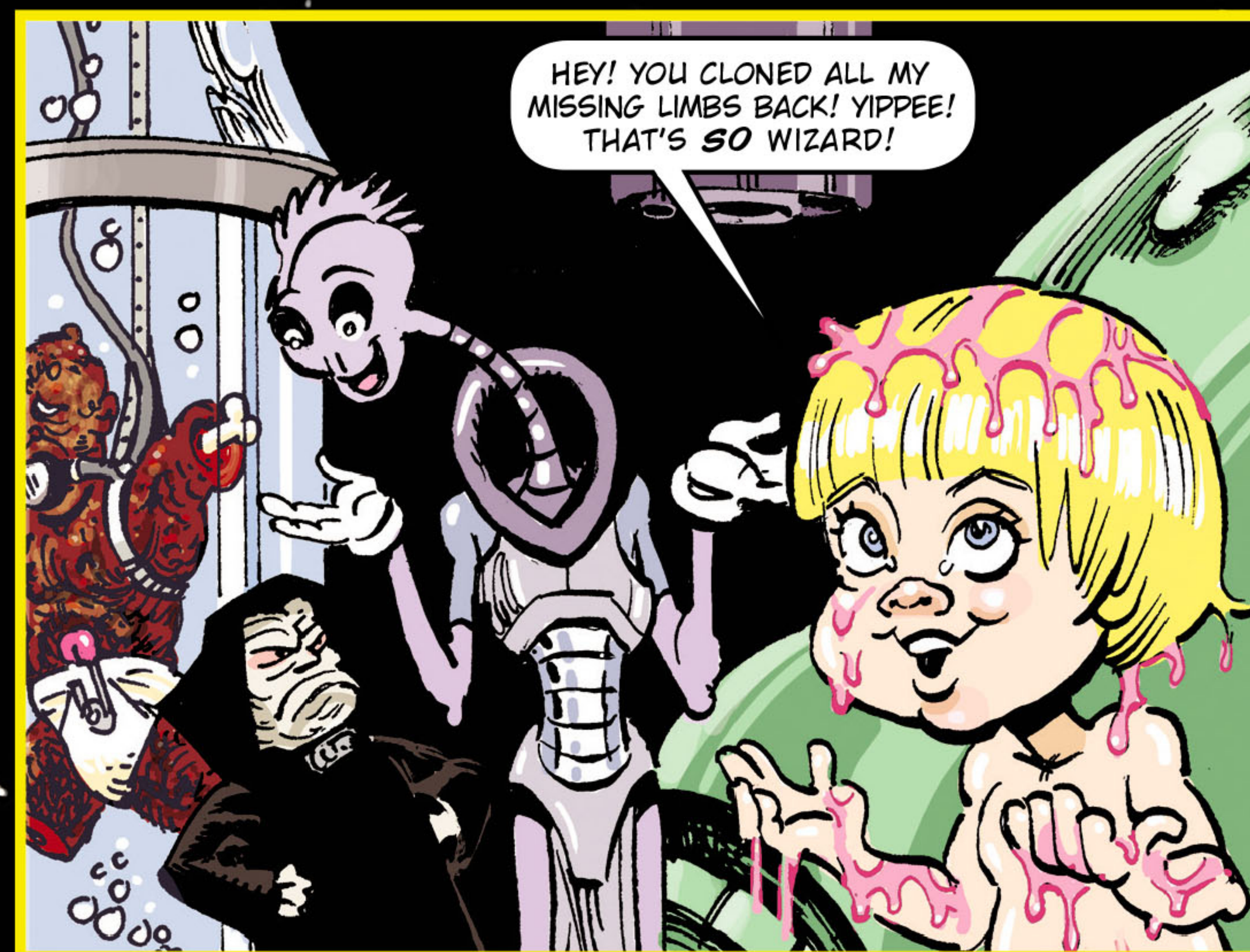
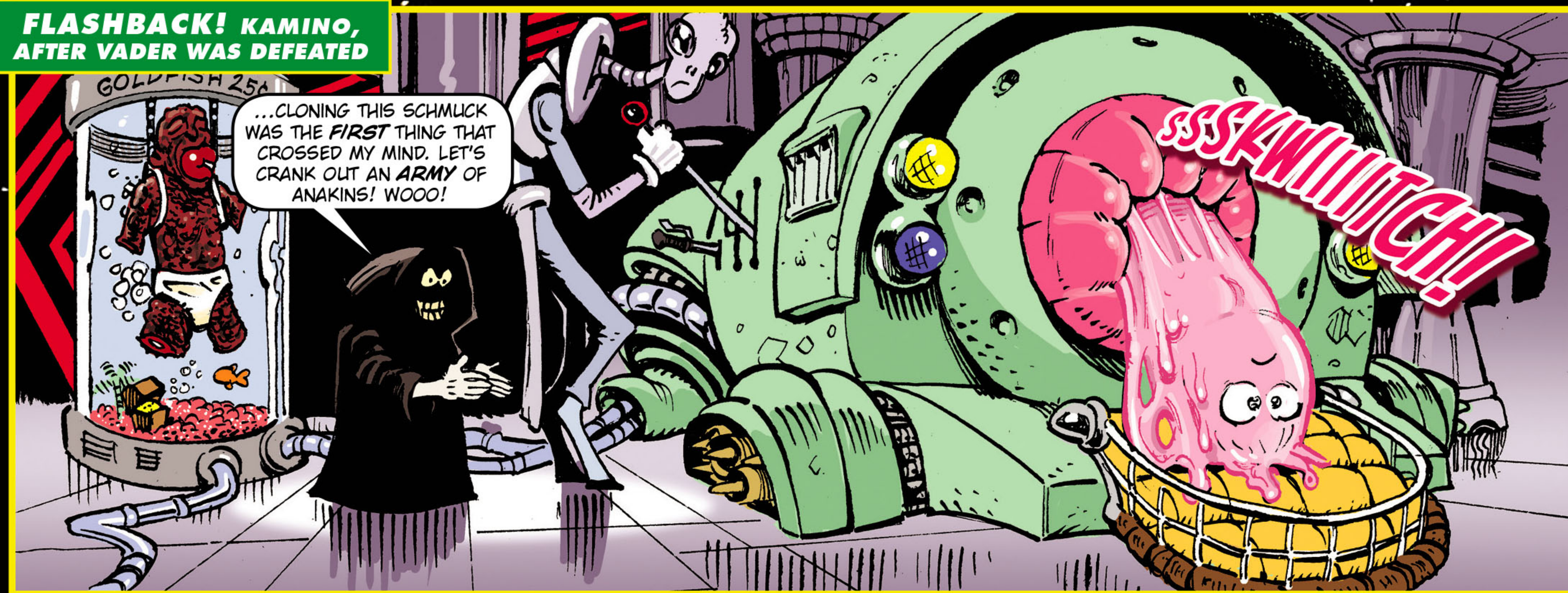
# THE PREPOSTEROUS PALPATINE PLOT HOLE:

## WHY DIDN'T THE EMPEROR CLONE DARTH VADER?

### IN THE DEATH STAR CAFETERIA



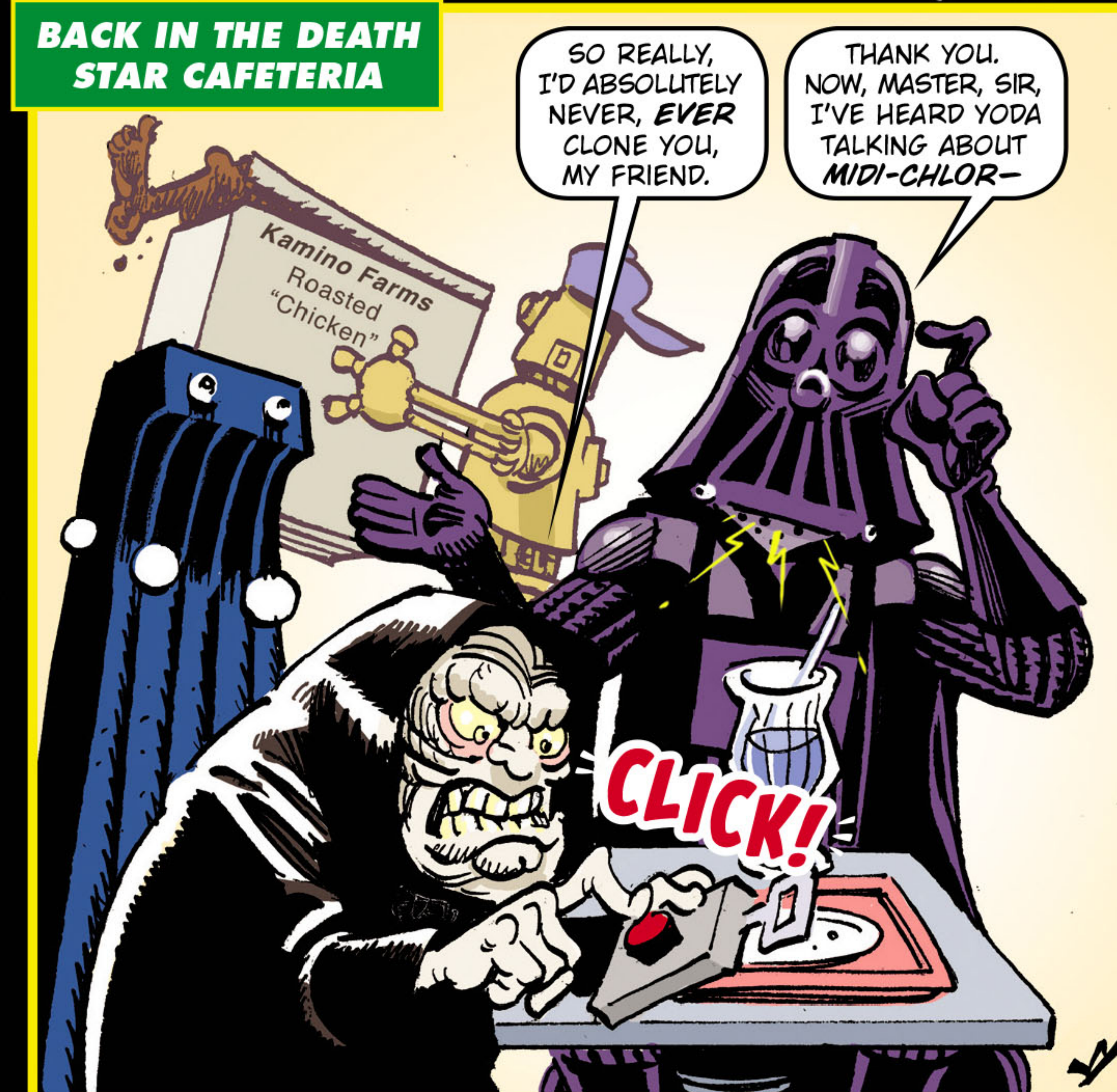
### FLASHBACK! KAMINO, AFTER VADER WAS DEFEATED



### MUCH, MUCH LATER



### BACK IN THE DEATH STAR CAFETERIA



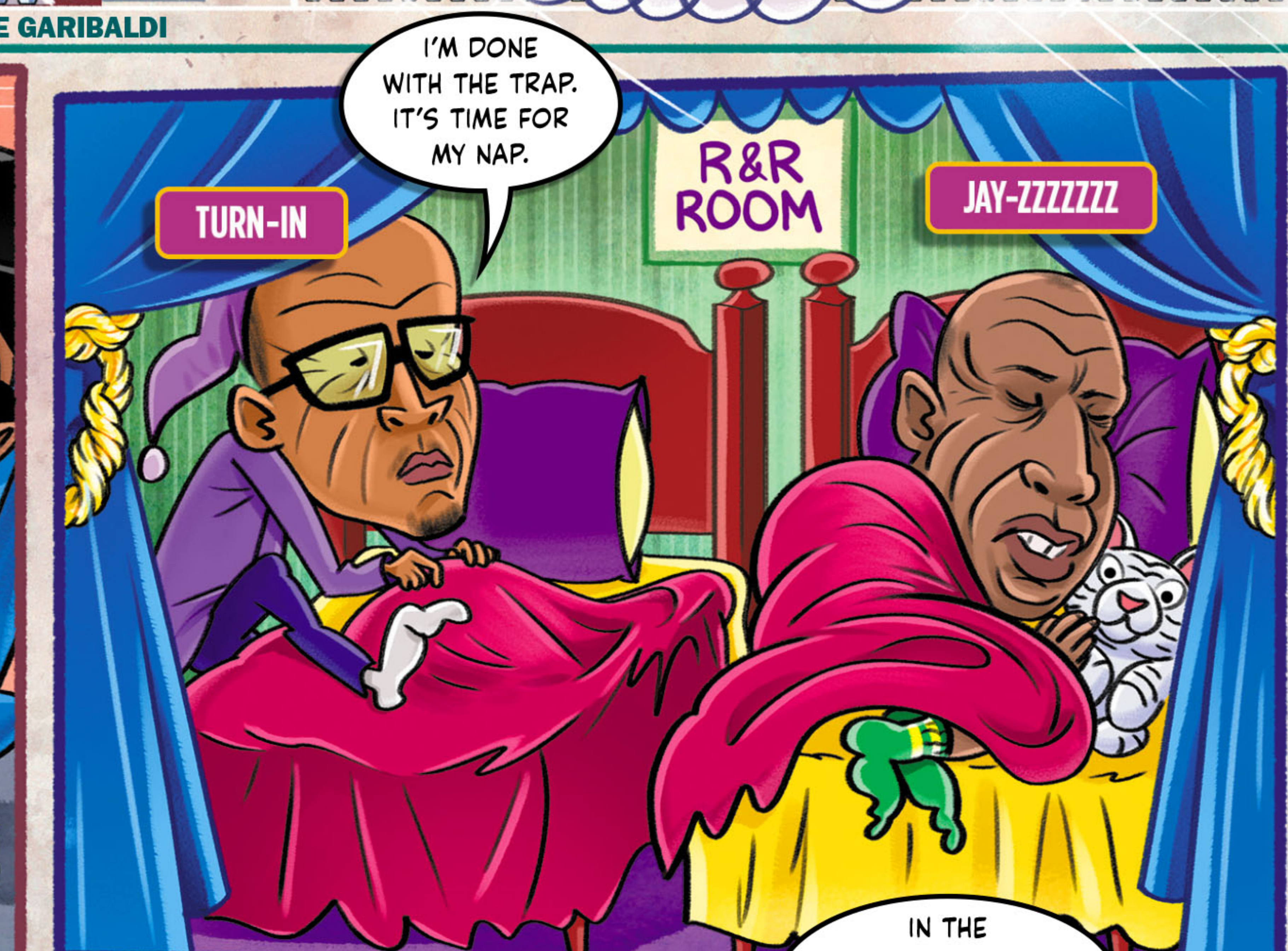


Though already timeless in its cultural influence, rap music is a relatively young genre that's yet to see its **first septuagenarian MC!** With no precedent set for **hanging up the mic**, we've created the beautiful Bling Gardens Retired Rapper Community—an excessive Calabasas McMansion set on 100 acres of **Cypress Hill groves** and **Slim Shady pines**. It's the perfect place for platinum artists straight outta the workforce to kick back, relax, and drop some knowledge on their children, *if they ever visit!*

# BLING GARDENS

## RETIRED RAPPER COMMUNITY

WRITERS PAUL LANDER & DAN MCCONNELL ARTIST JOSE GARIBALDI



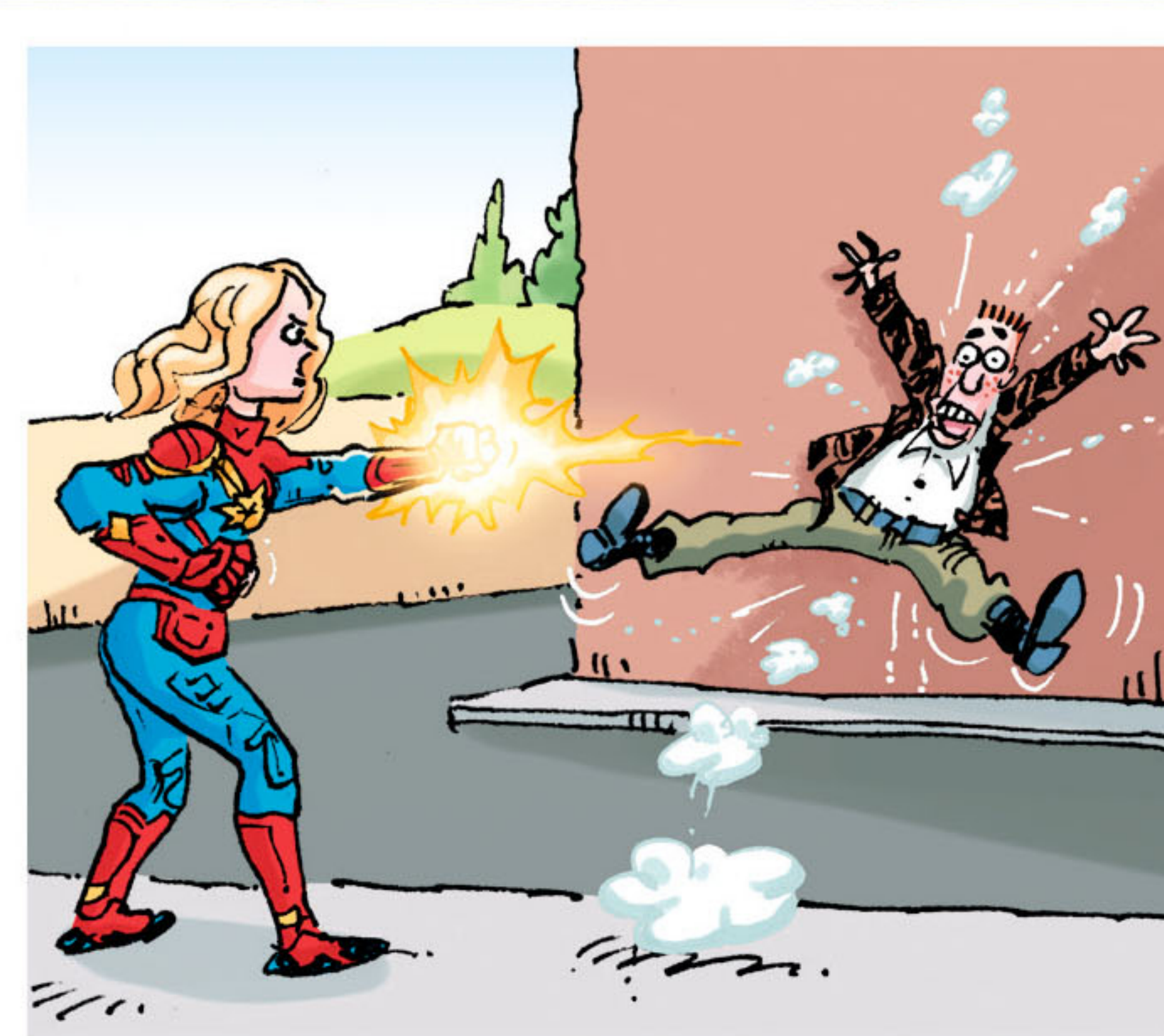
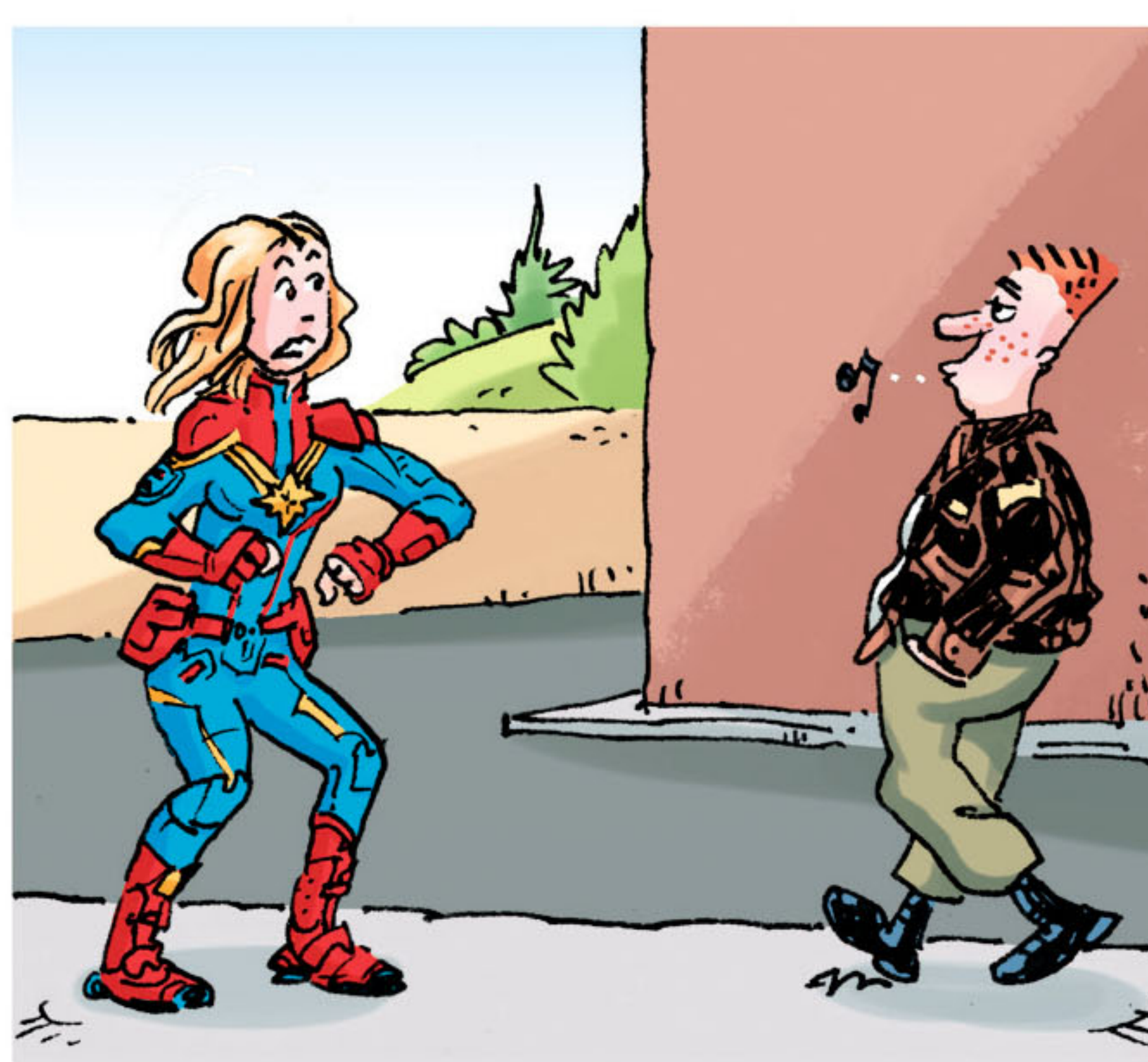
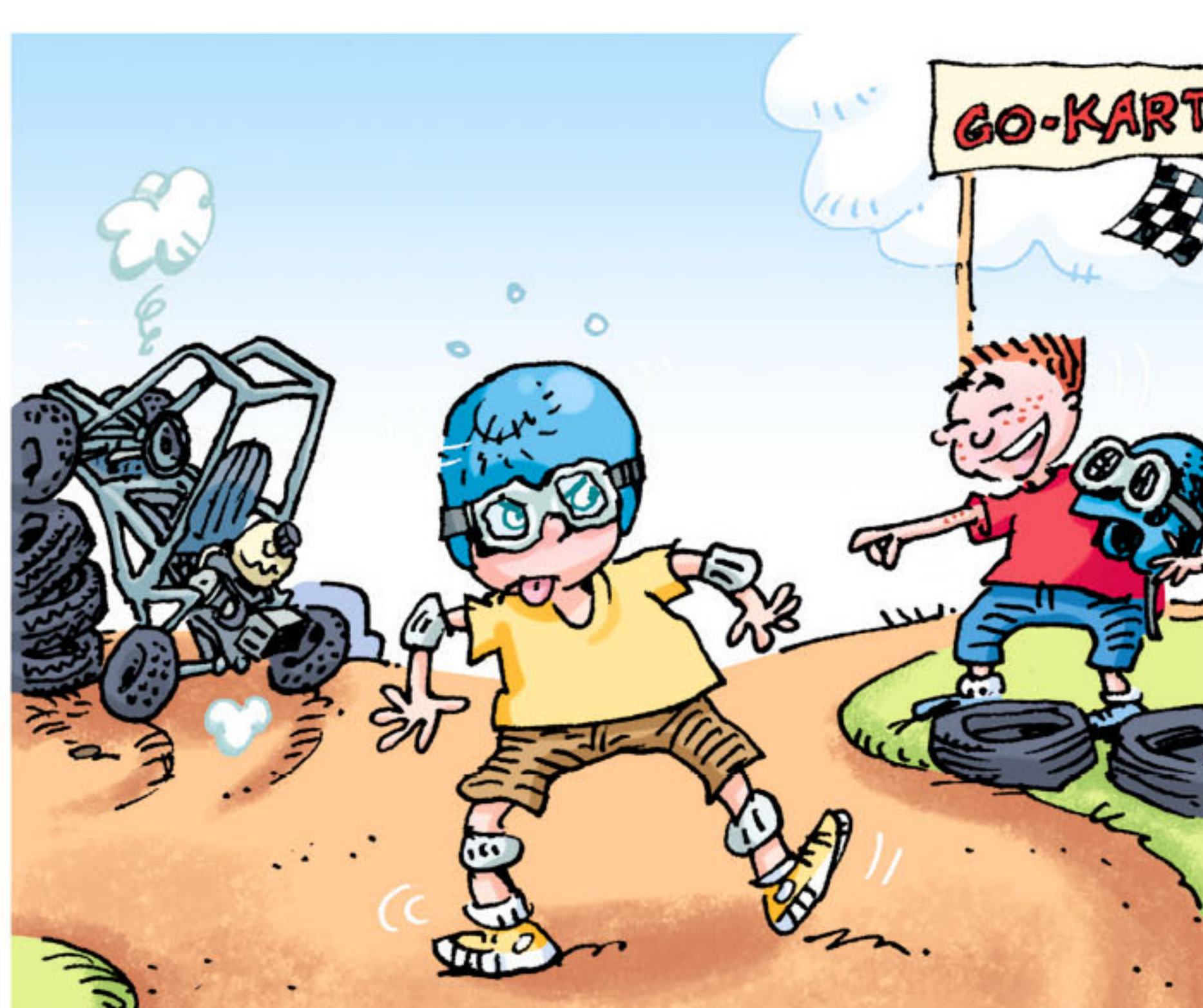








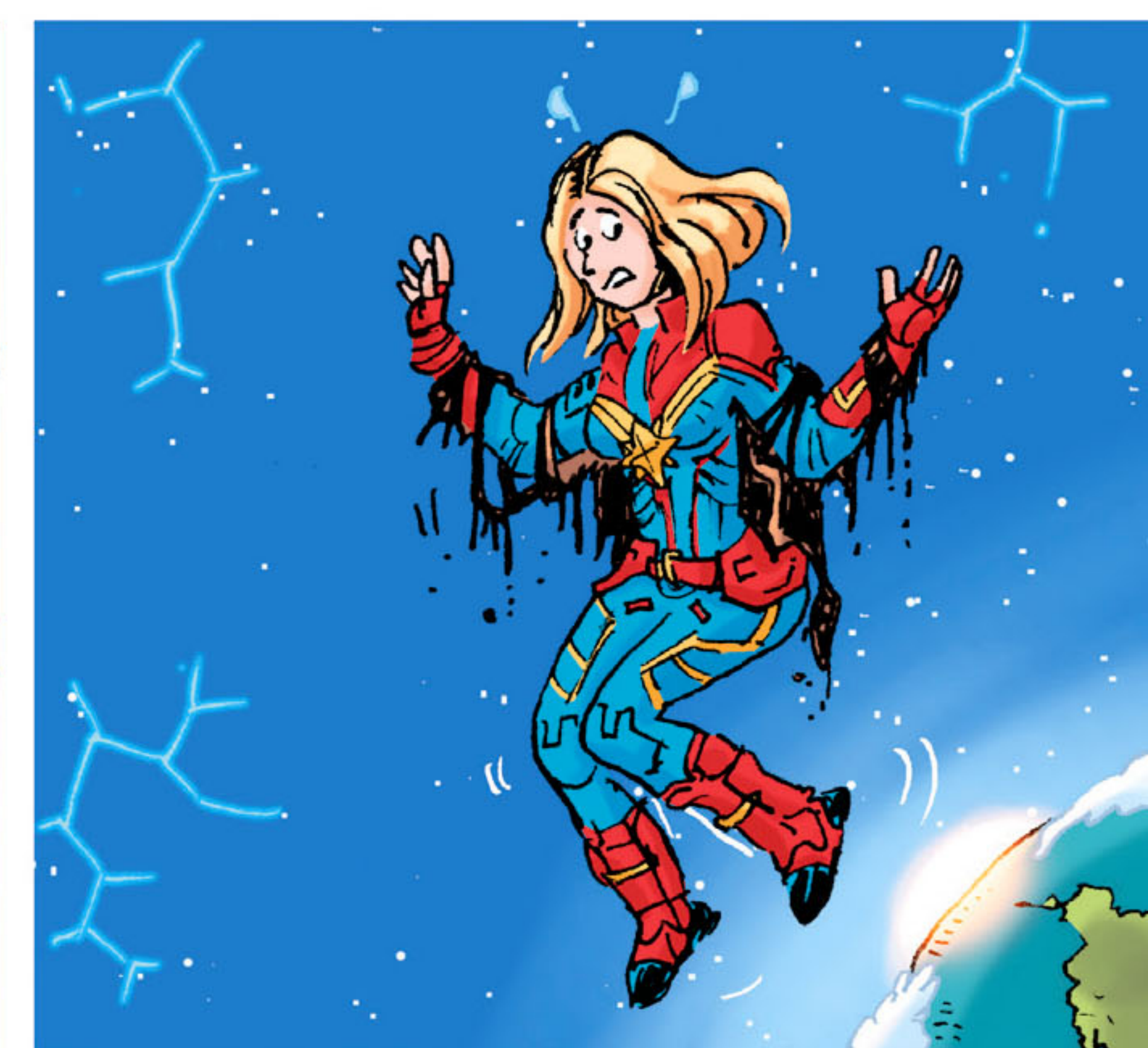
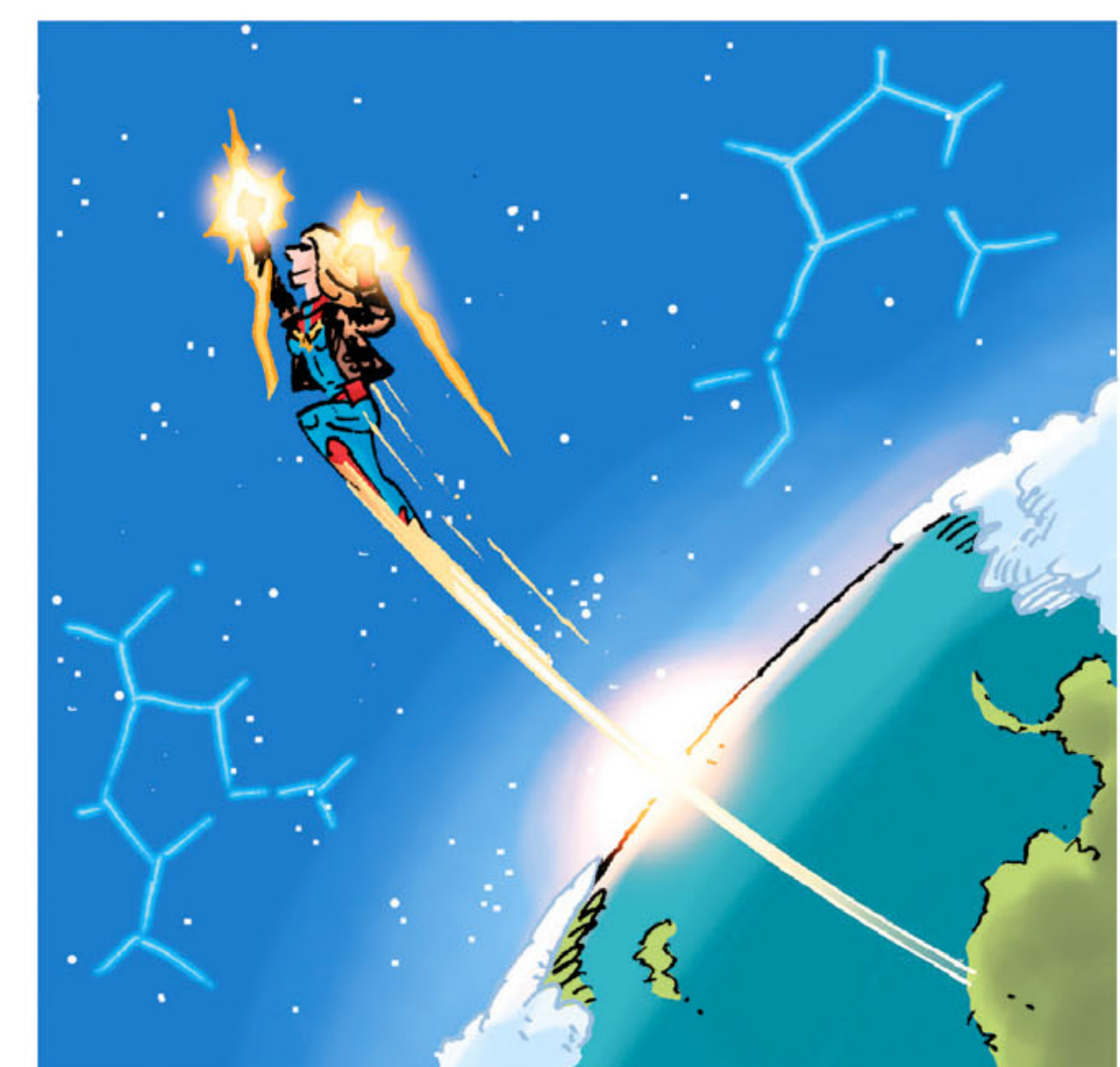
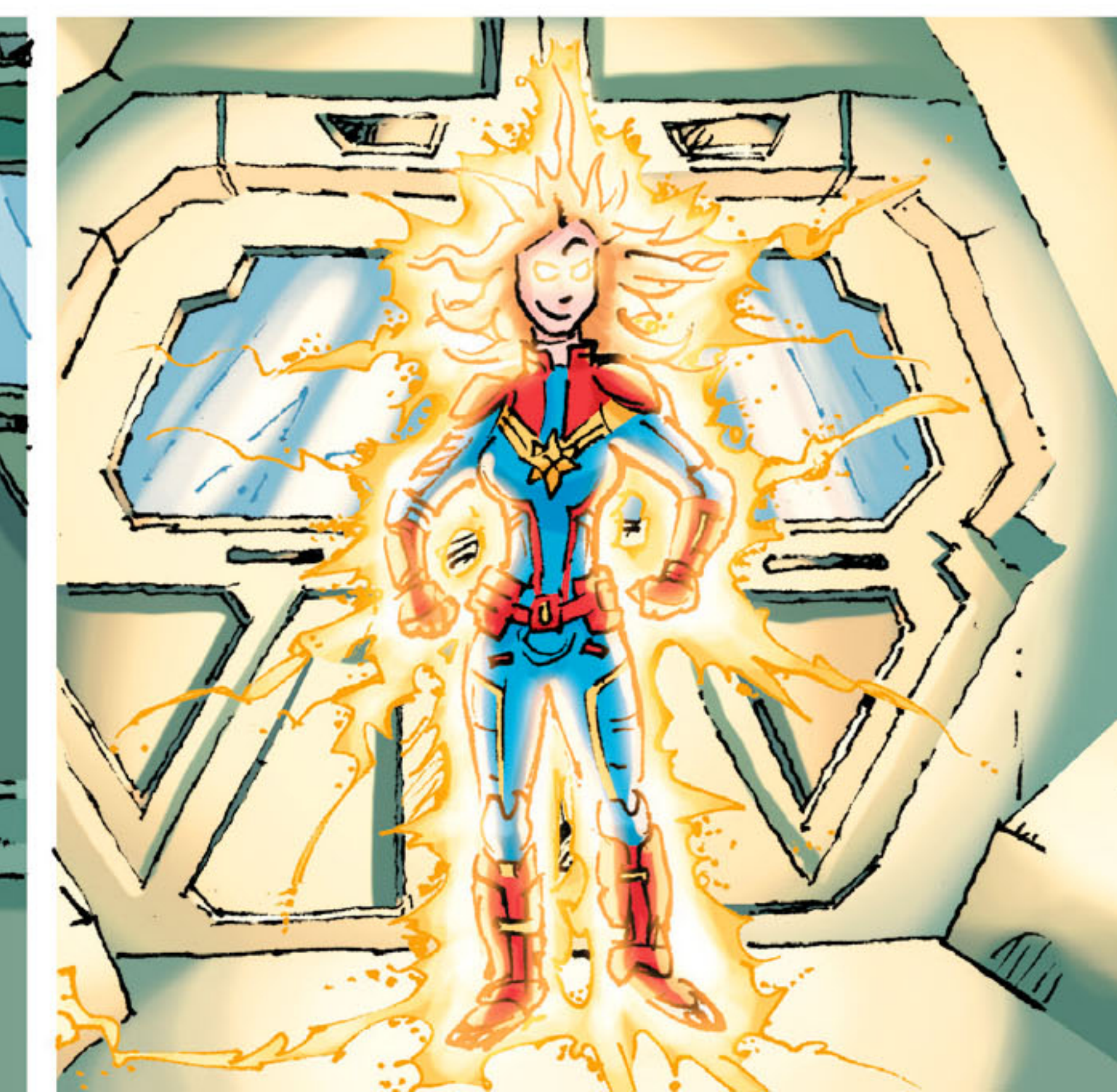
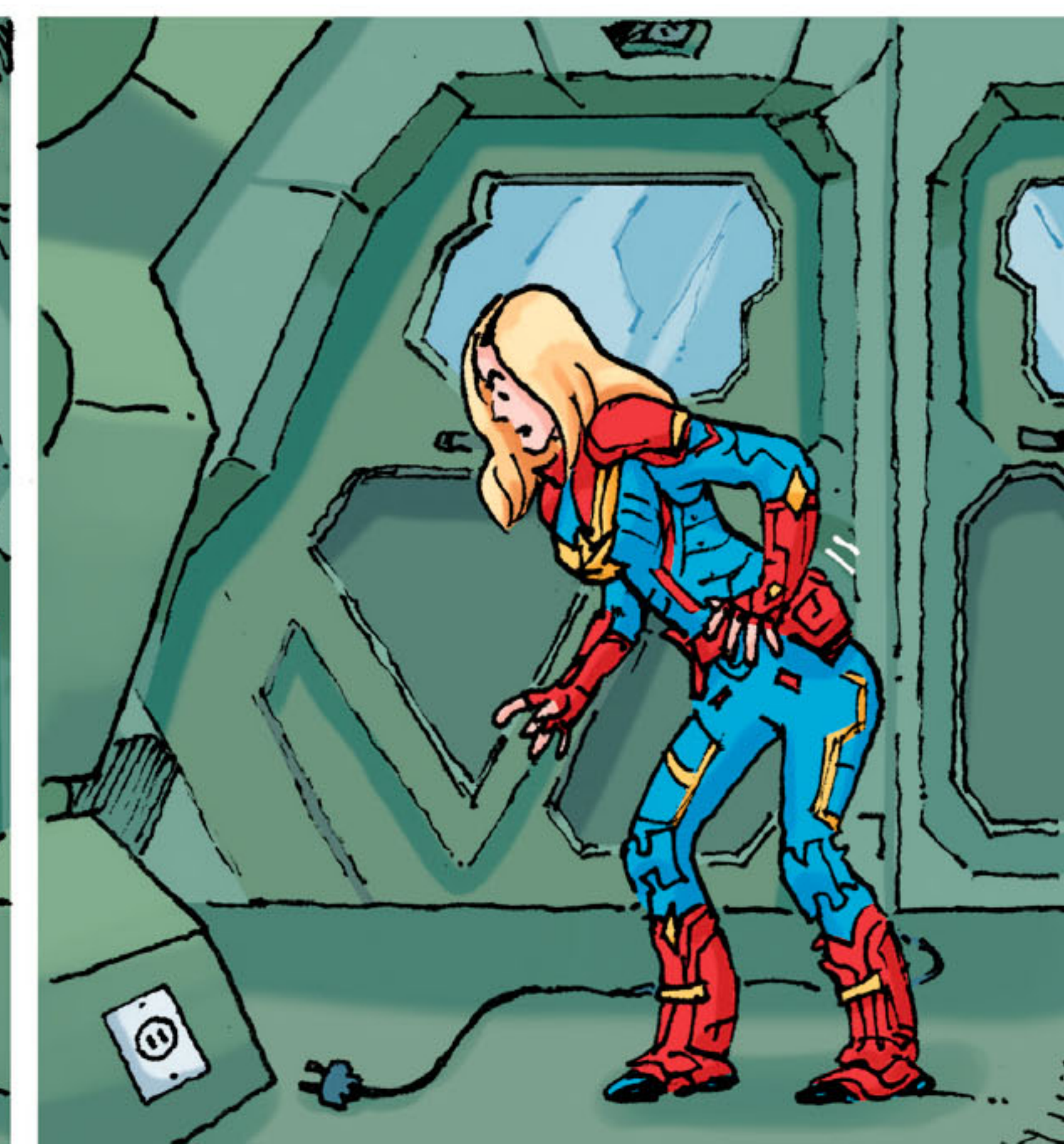
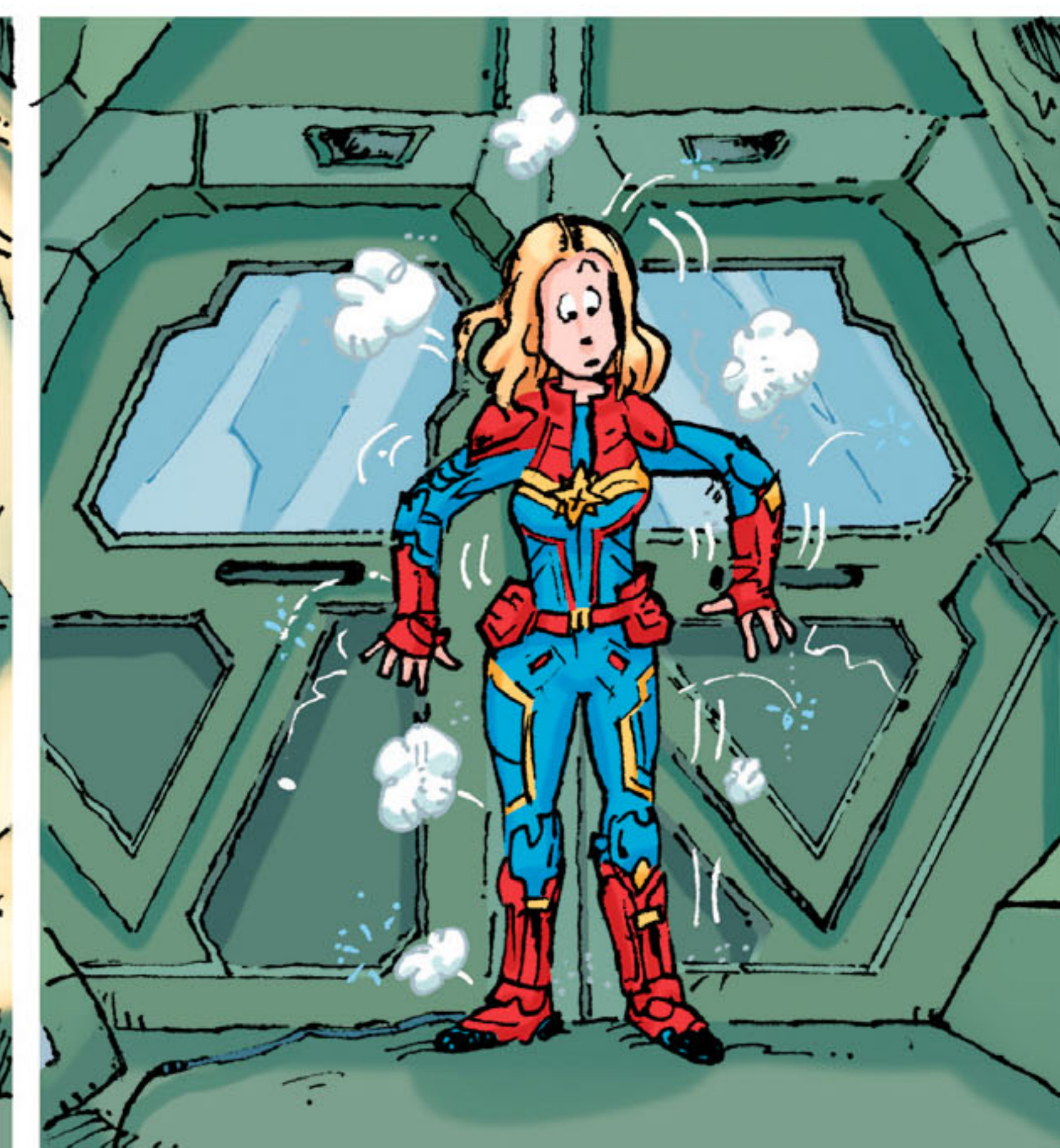
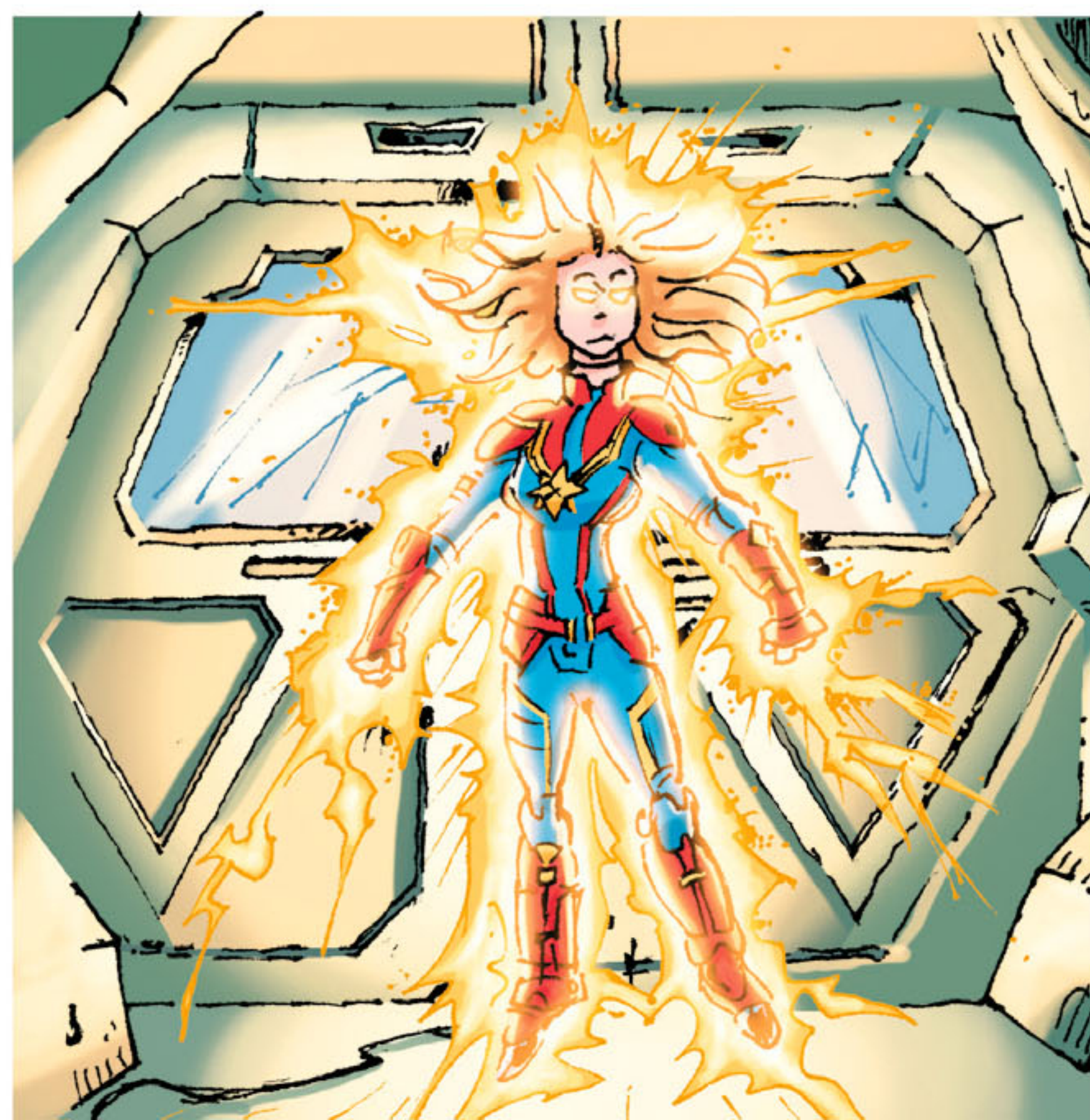
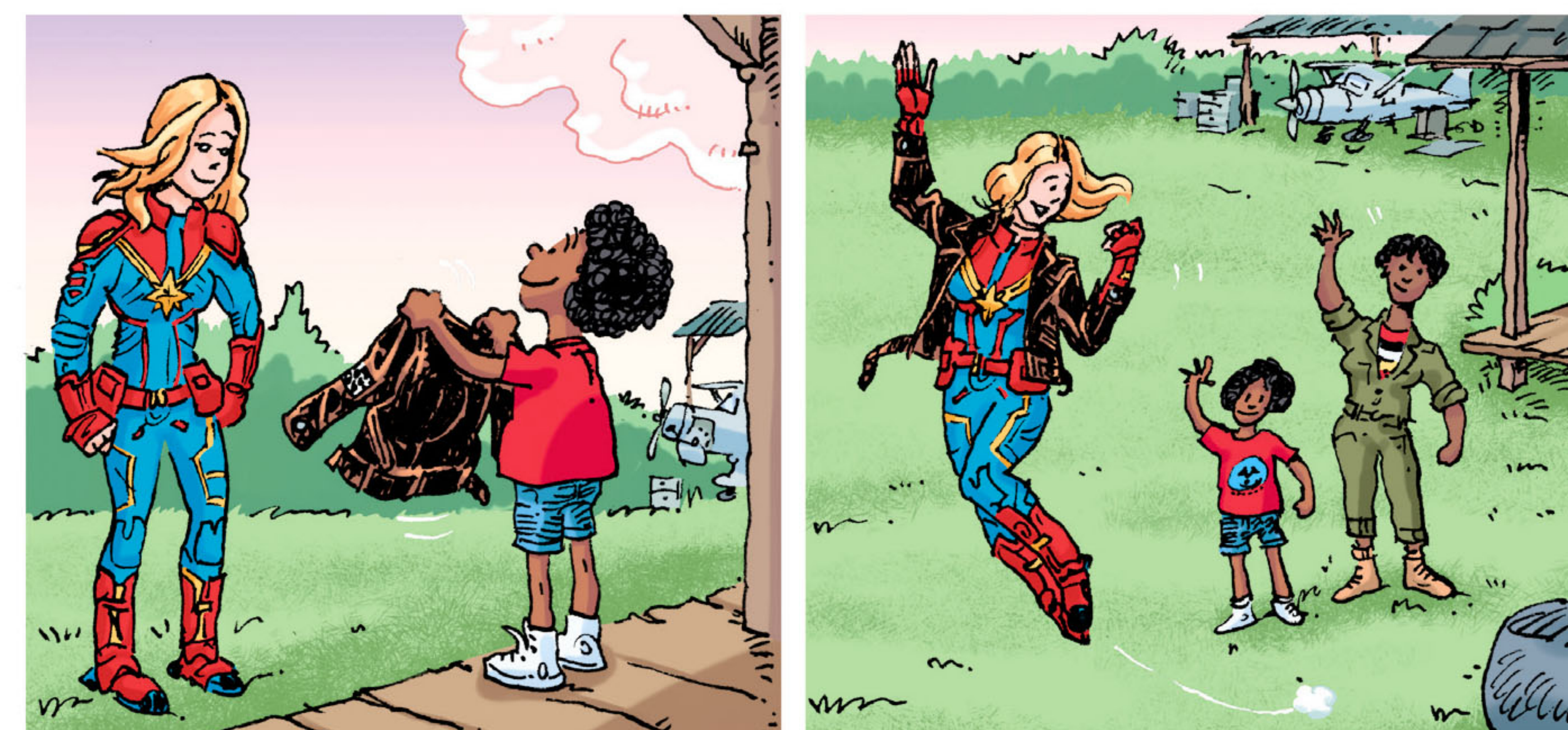
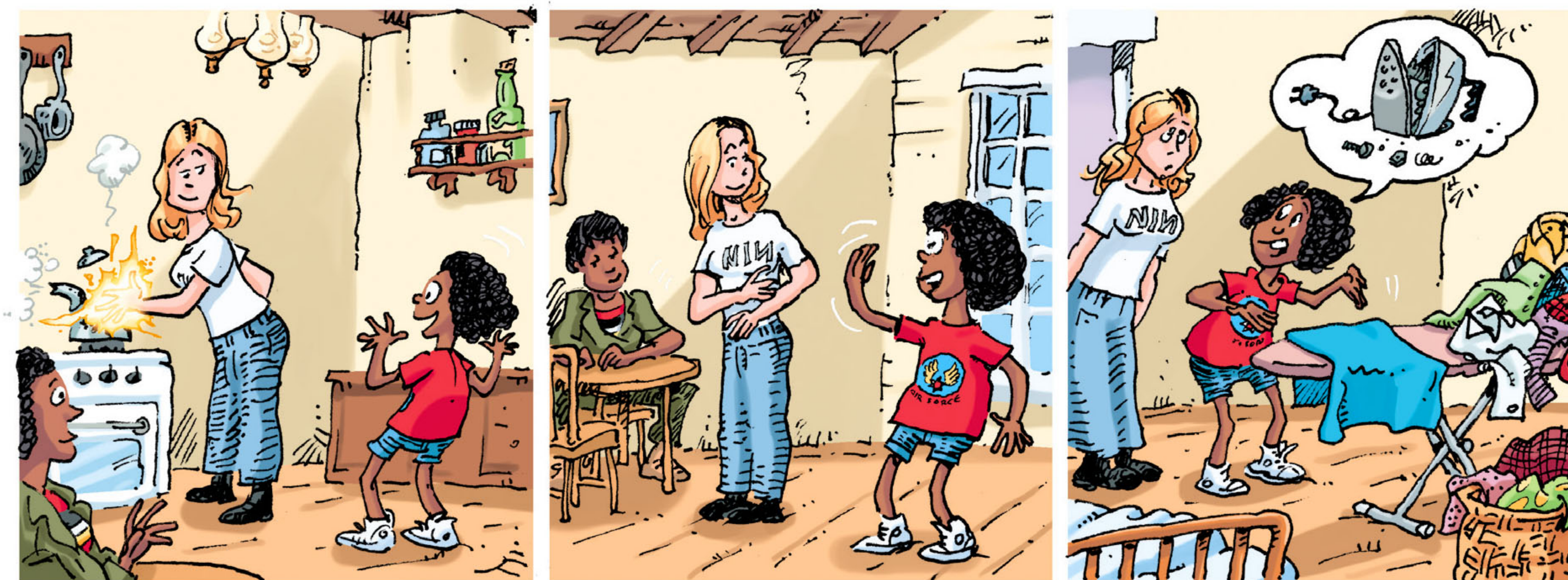
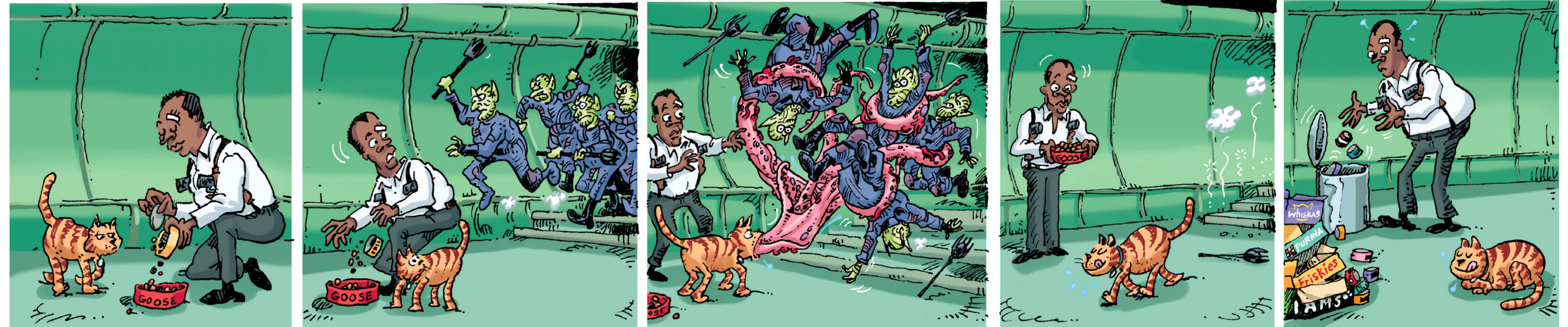
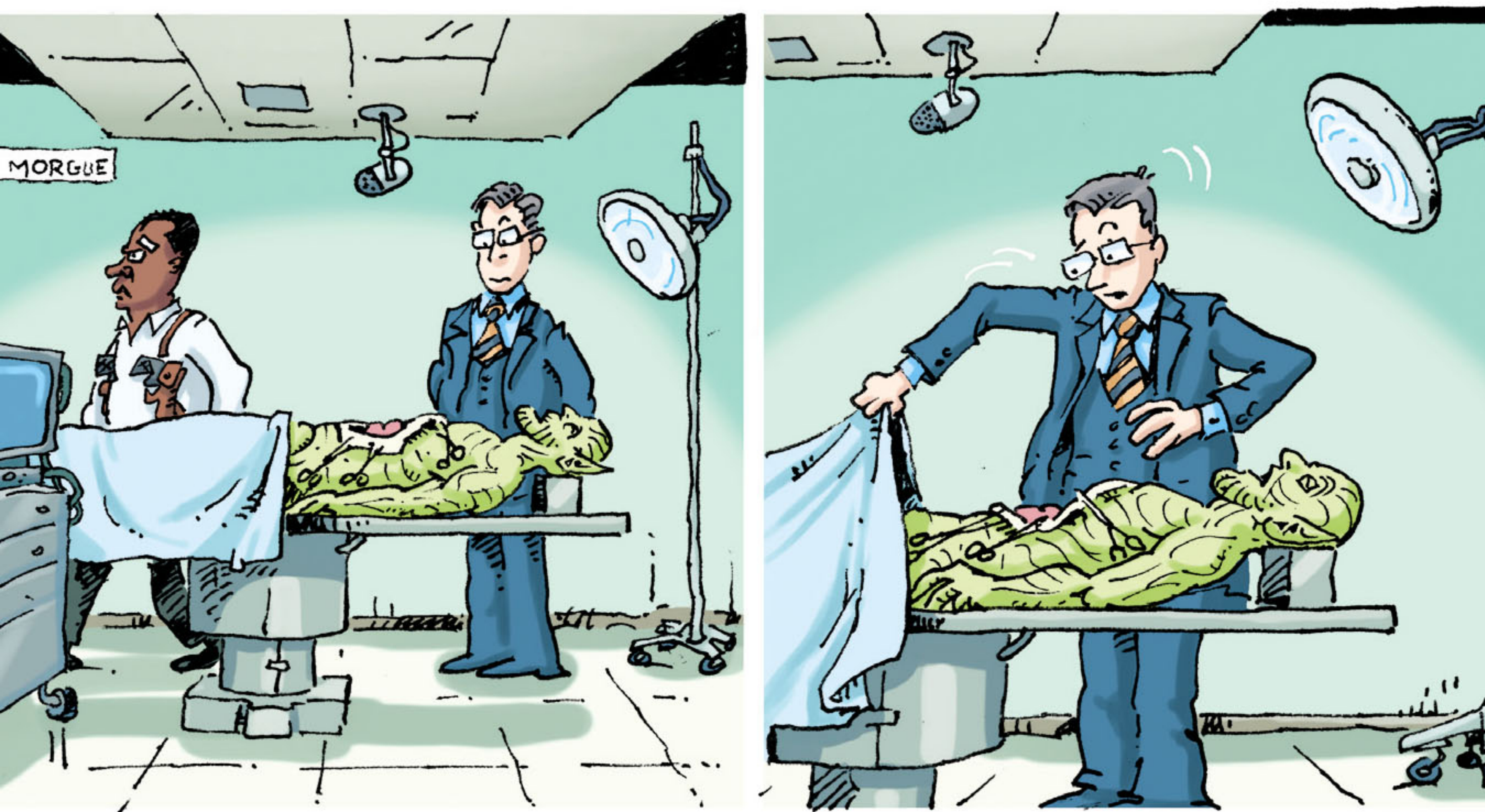
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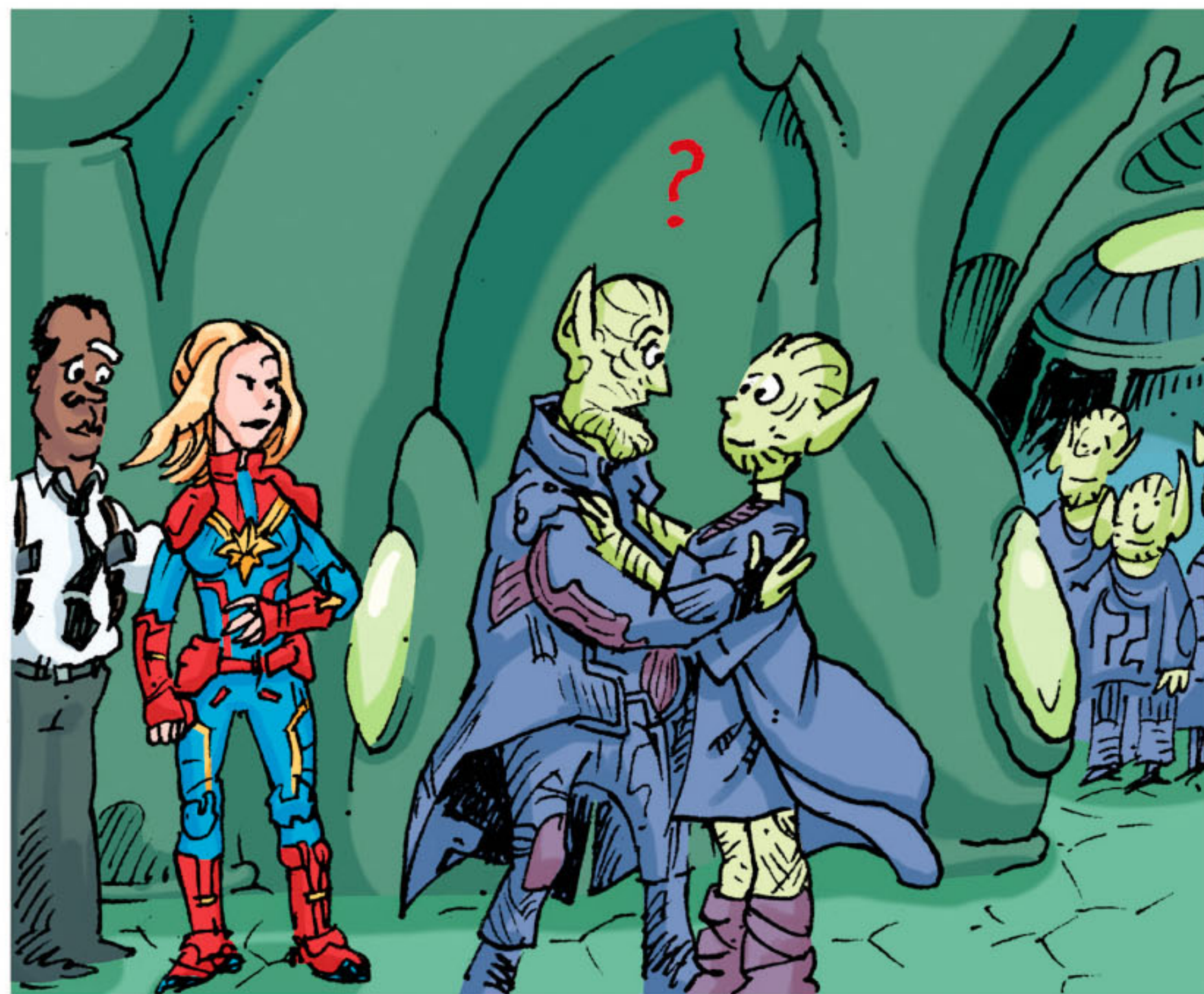
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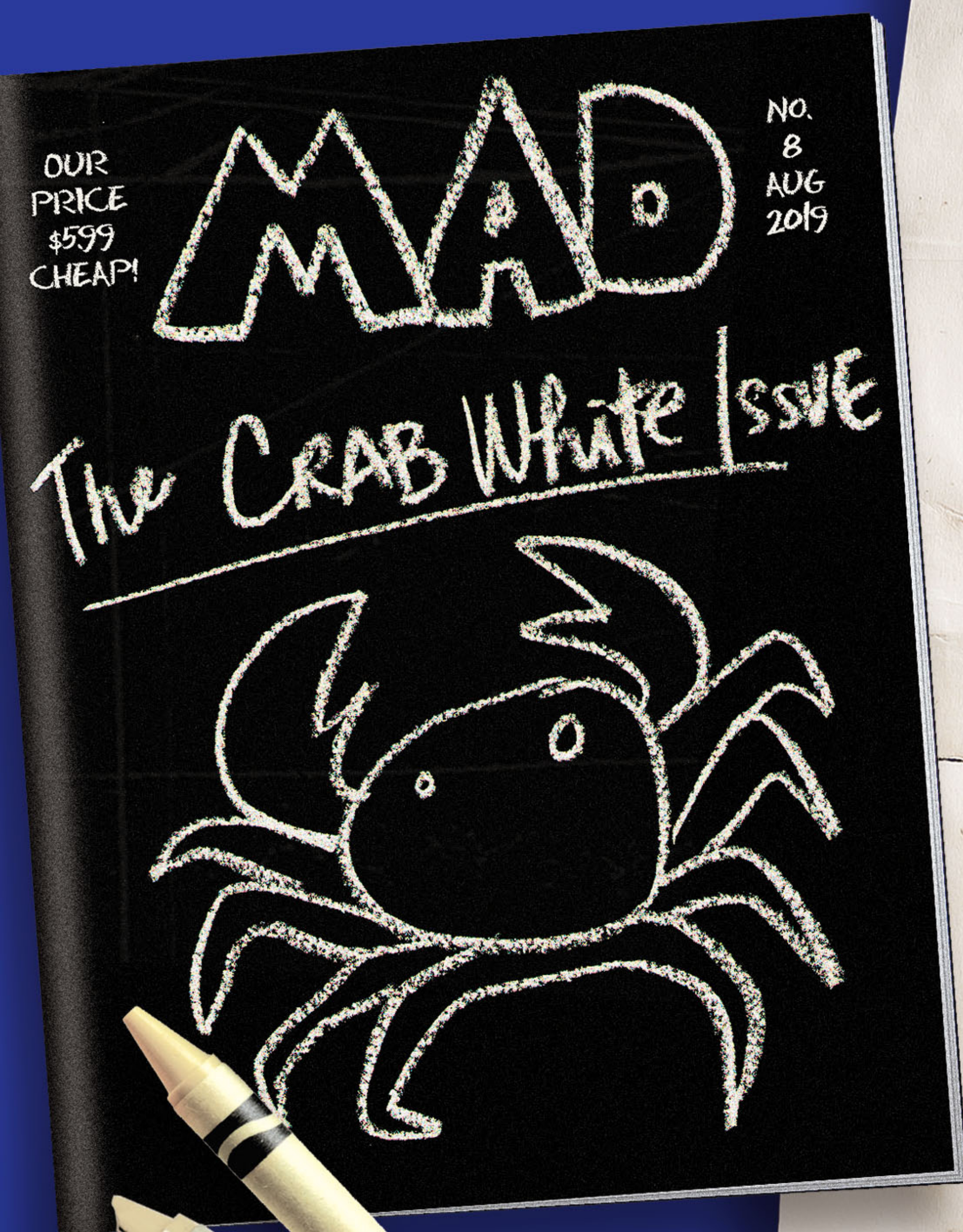






Each day we receive dozens of letters from our readers, ranging from "barely legible" to "we should report this to the proper authorities."  
And though most are doomed to be fed into the MAD intern's shredder, occasionally we stumble upon a perfect candidate for...

# THE MAD **IFESTO**



Dear MAD,

Ever wonder where crayons come from? I mean, aside from the host at Applebee's who's been hooking you up since you were four? Last month, or possibly two years ago, the conglomerate known as Crayola announced a new addition to its vibrant panoply of wax pens. Just lighter than dark blue and just darker than light blue, "Bluetiful" is a hue that represents the tyrannical hand of Crayola CEOs who gather once a year in the piney woods to drink lambs' blood, throw horseshoes, and decide what does (and **doesn't**) get to be a color.

**I'm Mike Binder, creator of the "Crab White" crayon.** I'm one of the buried heroes of invention, like the lady who invented the windshield wiper you can whisper to, or the other guy, Adam something, who created self-cleaning hot wings you don't need napkins for. We've all been thrown on the crazy-heap because our brainchildren threatened established industries like regular windshield wipers, the powerful Napkin Cabal, and yes: Big Crayon.

Let me back up. I once worked for an advertising firm that landed the Crayola account and was tasked with pitching new colors. Thrilled, I threw on my hot-khaki meeting suit three days early, dug out the Crayolas I keep in the garage (near the bleach, under the bag of razors), and emptied the box on the ground. It was there in the broken rainbow of Aquamarina, Helecho, and Alemendra (I have a Spanish box) that I saw seven shades of yellow, a shit-ton of blue... **but only one white crayon.**

**Opportunity knocked, and guess who answered?** \* Two days before the pitch, I came upon some old cracked crab in a Chinatown dumpster where I was having lunch. Eureka.

I raced home with the crab, some cleaning supplies I took from a motel, and a block of paraffin wax I found during a pedicure I forgot to pay for. I stripped down, lit up, and began work on my **chef d'oeuvre**: a crayon that **so remarkably represents crab** with its barely visible, inky-blue veins and microdot flecks of pink, one person at our pitch meeting claimed I was simply "drawing with a crab leg." Another threw up because of the "smell." My boss was so excited, he ran from the conference room. Uniformed men brought me boxes so I could do my work at home.

It wasn't until "Bluetiful" was announced that I realized I'd been fired, and possibly never even hired. The company has no record of me working there. And that's the mighty handprint of Big Crayon: my crayon was too dangerous, too **real**. Pitch a color similar to one they already have? You're in. Pitch an exquisite crustacean white? **That's the sound of a door slamming in your face.**

Two nights ago, I was sleeping under one of your magazines and it occurred to me that MAD **loves** color (not to mention doing innovative things that make people throw up). Cut to the chase: **I've written a whole issue in Crab White crayon that I think you should print.** Now's your chance to stand up to the animals at Big Crayon and make a difference. Do it for that lady. Do it for Adam something.

Never more sincerely,  
**Mike Binder**  
Piney Woods State Park

\*Me

WRITER **GREG BEHRENDT**

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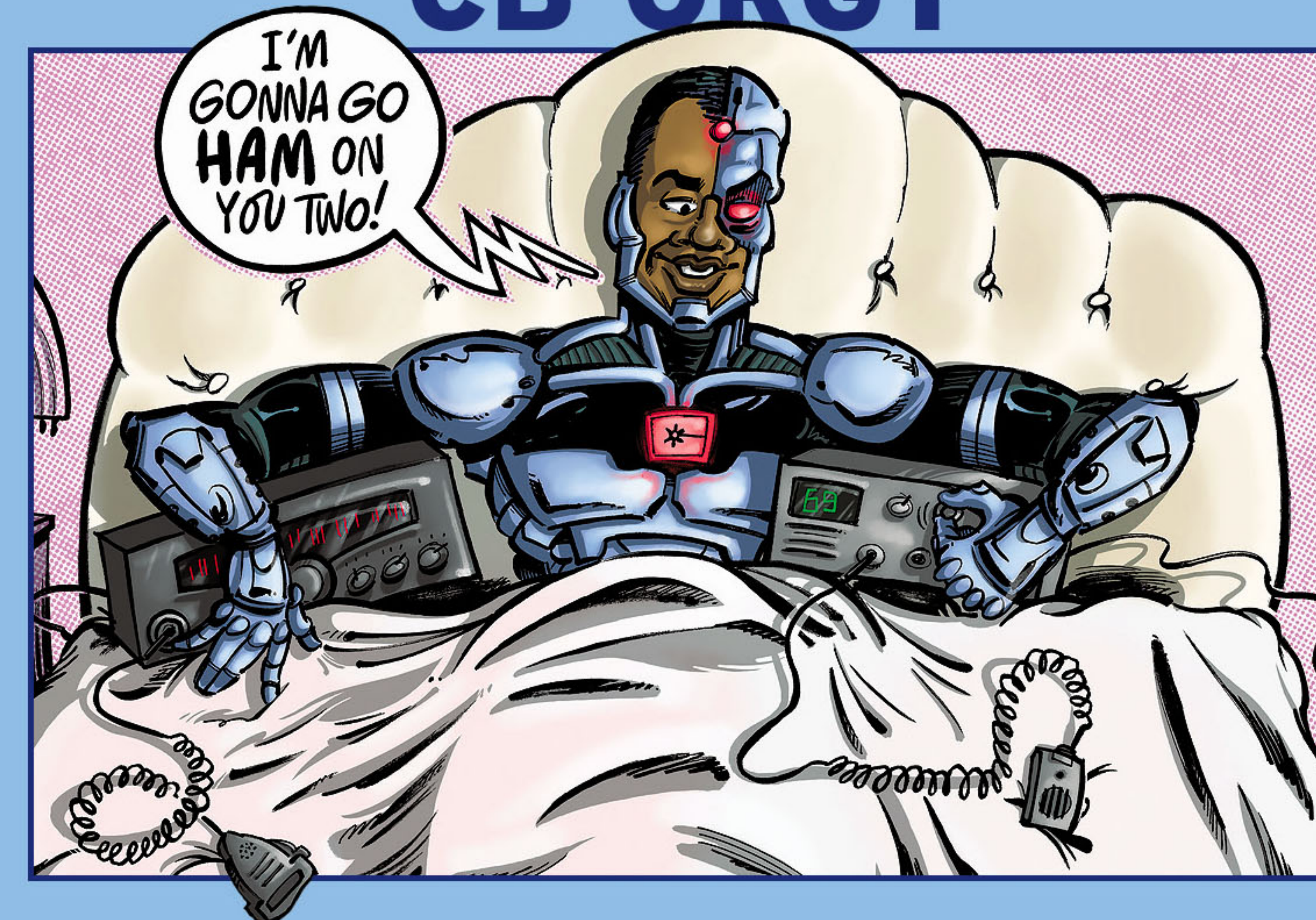


With the colossal rise of comic book movies, superheroes need their egos taken down a peg! But how do you mess with the kind, caped wonders who fight to maintain order? Easy, you idiot: by scrambling the letters in their names! It's time for...

# SUPERHERO ANAGRAMS

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ARTIST DALTON VAUGHN

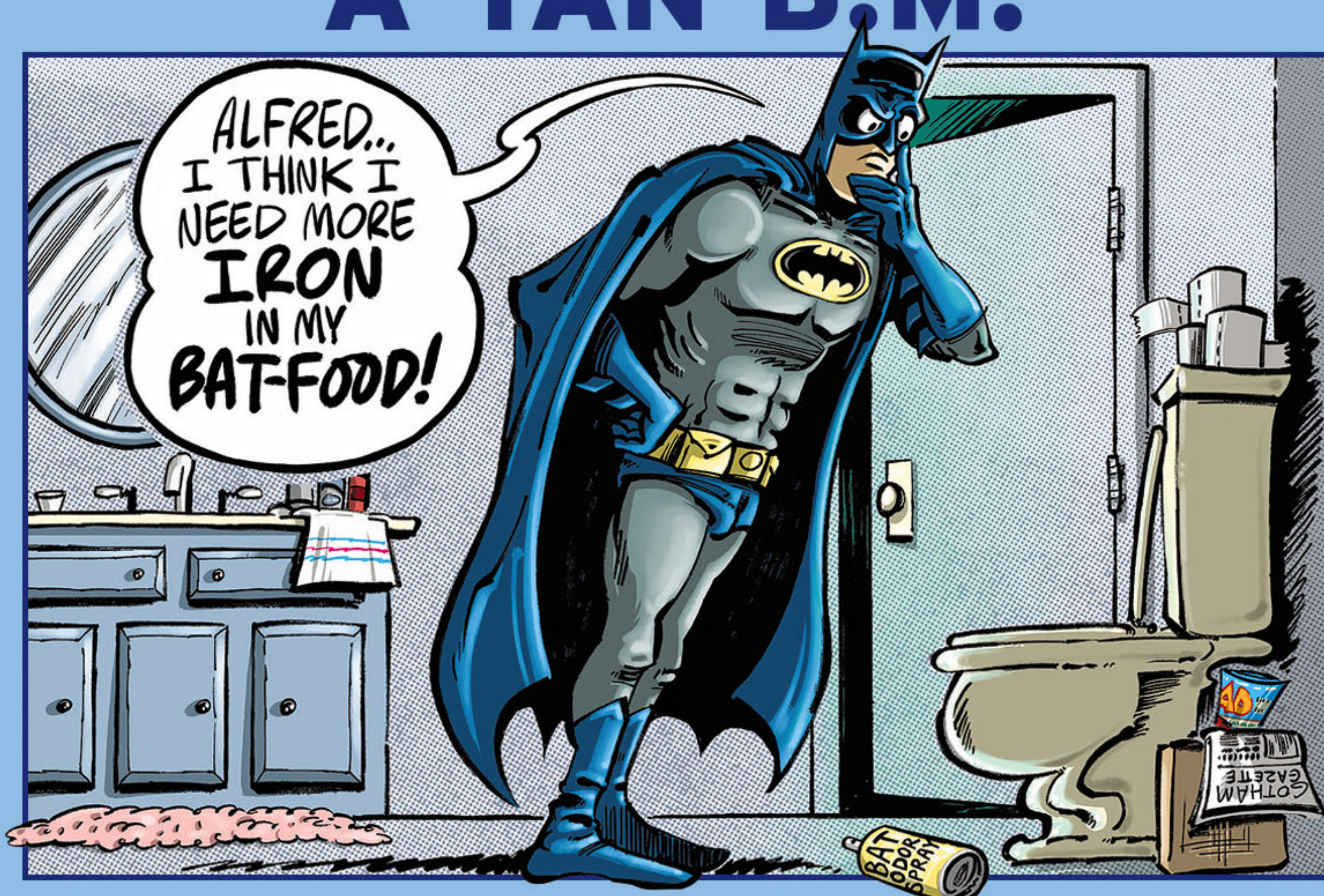
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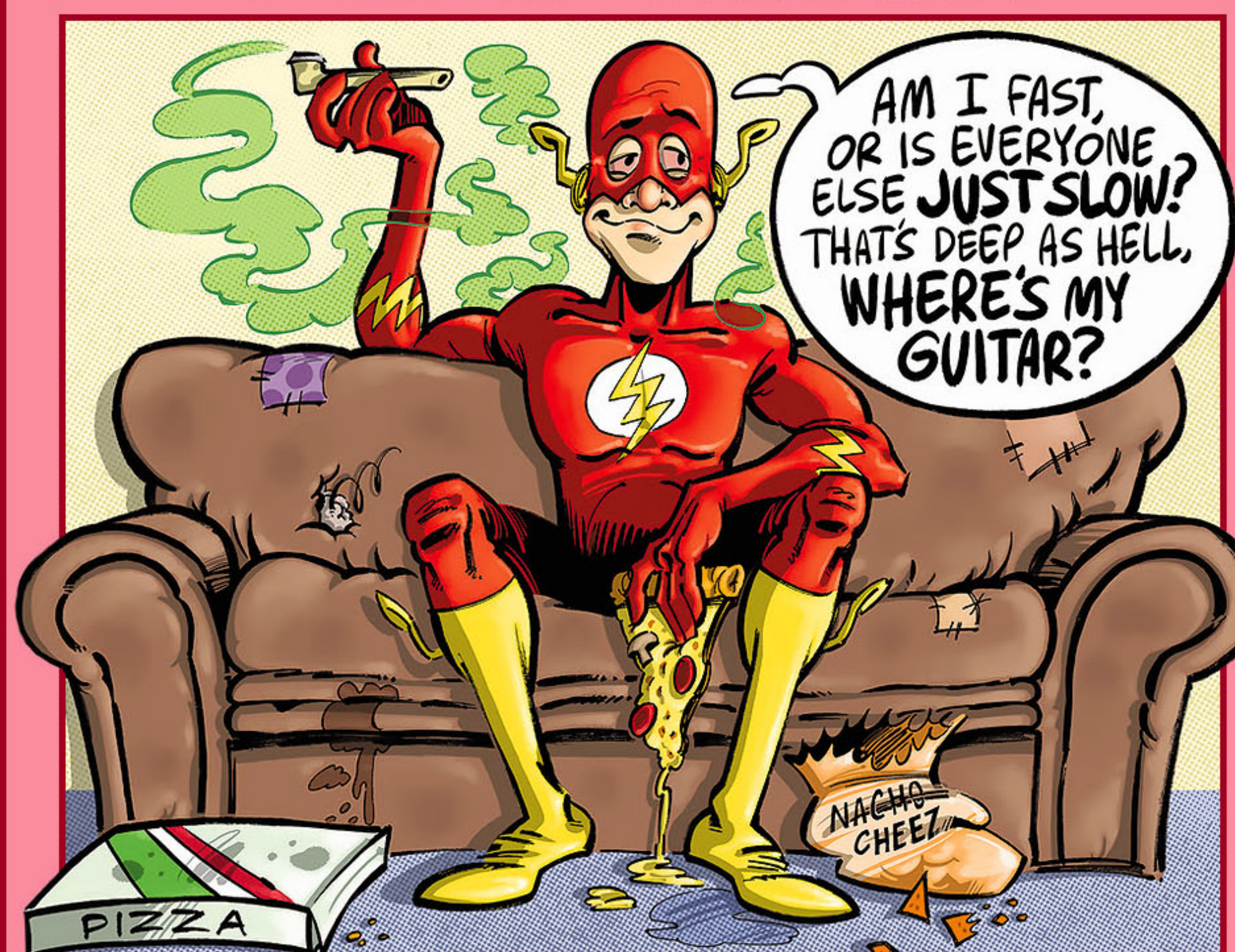
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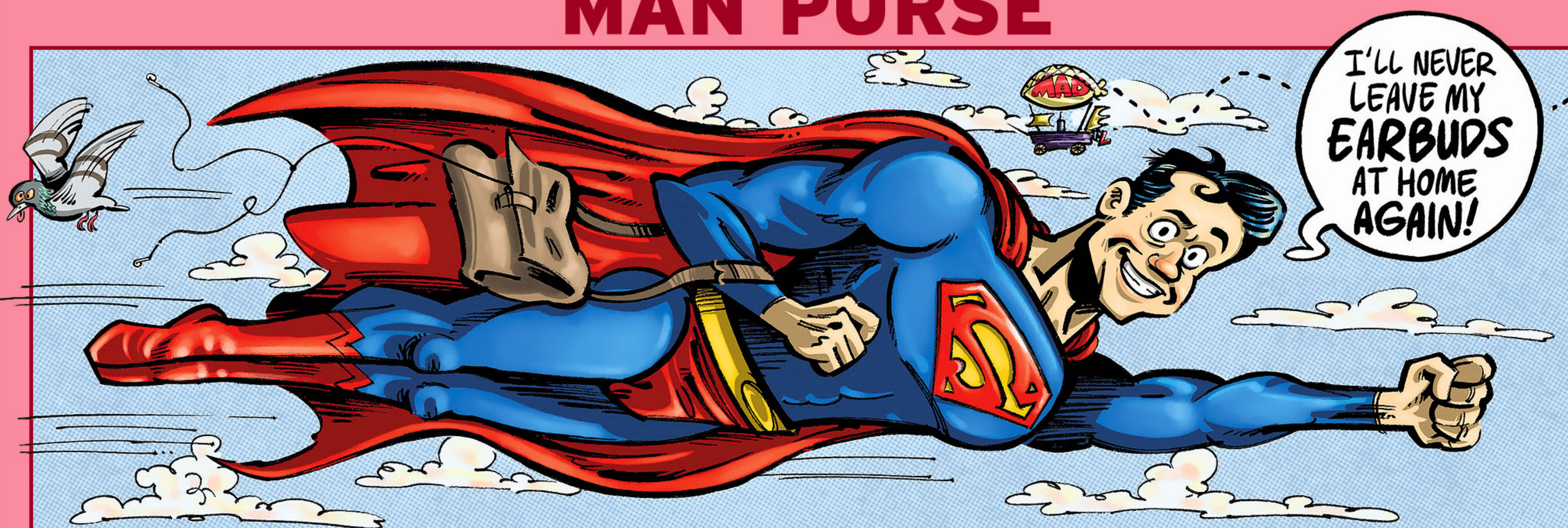
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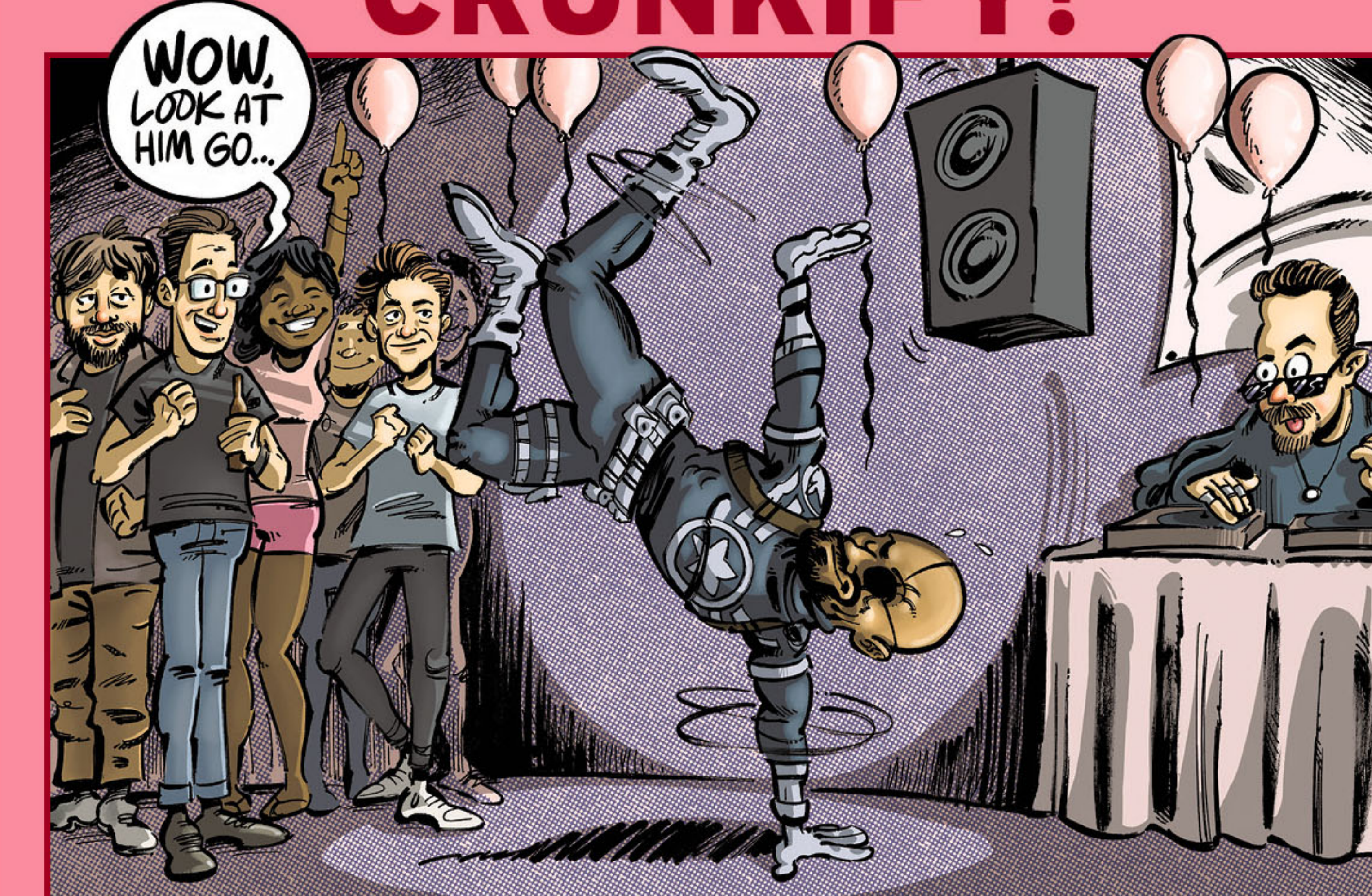
## SUPERMAN MAN PURSE



## WOLVERINE WINE LOVER



## NICK FURY CRUNKIFY!







What's worse than the government constantly invading your privacy? Not sounding cool when they're droppin' eaves! Stop worrying about your dull life sending spying feds to sleep. These handy phrases will make even the most mundane, everyday tasks sound exciting. Now get out there and...

# IMPRESS BIG BROTHER

## WHAT THEY HEAR

## WHAT THEY THINK

## WHAT YOU'RE DOING

Hi, honey!

Ah, greeting a loved one. What a warm and welcoming home!



Talking to the bee on the Honey Nut Cheerios box again.

Time to eat another well-balanced meal.

Here's a person who knows the benefits of a healthy diet. Bravo!



Sloppily eating cereal balanced on your belly.

Time to hit the gym.

Wow! Now here's an active person who must be totally ripped and jacked.



Watching *According to Jim* reruns for the thousandth time.

Dang, this threesome is so hot!

This person must be engaged in some pretty wild adult activity!



Burning your tongue on a 3-cheese Hot Pocket.



HOW AM I DRIVING?  
1-899-RENDITION

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YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW



NSA?

NO SMARTS ATTACHED.





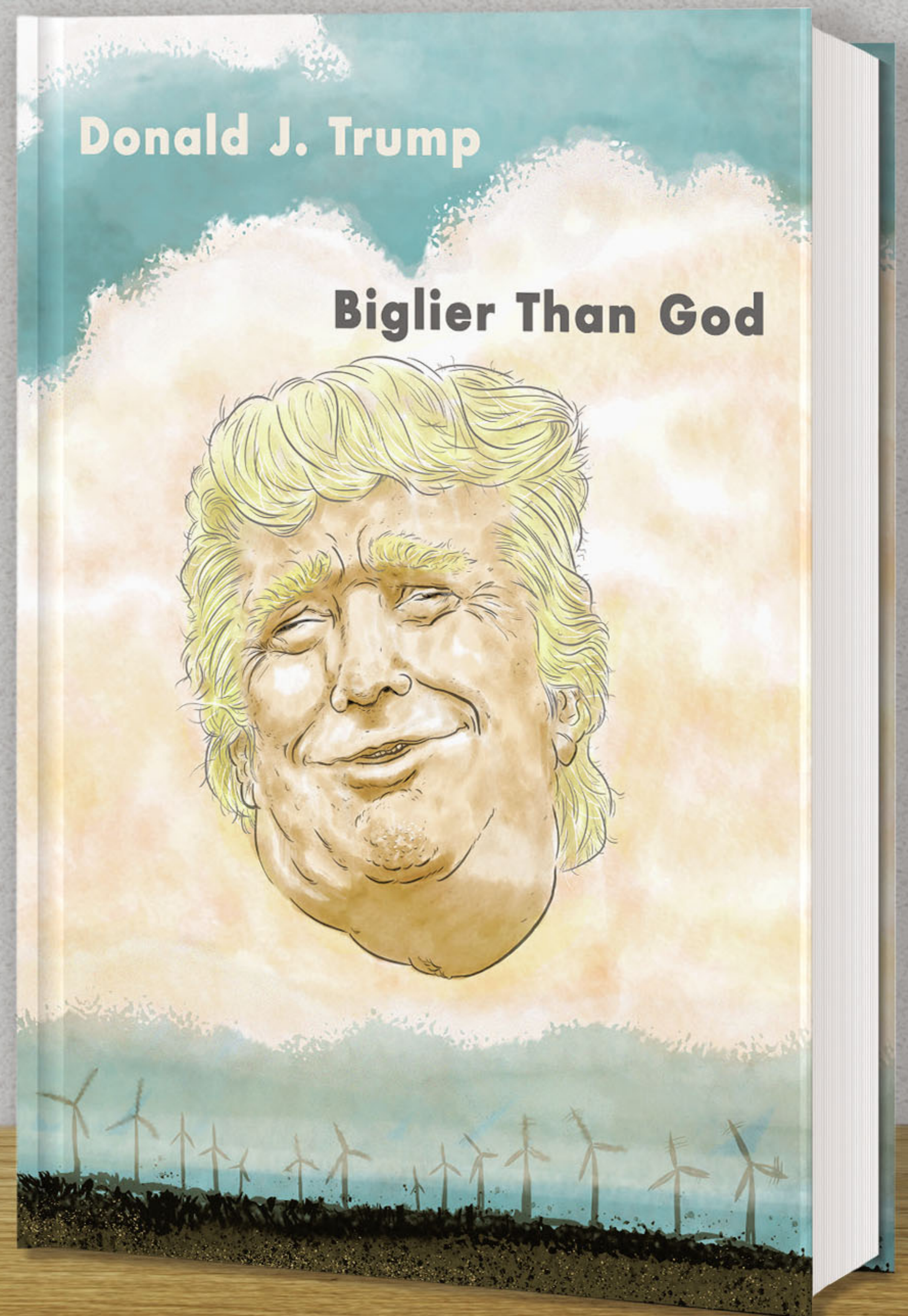


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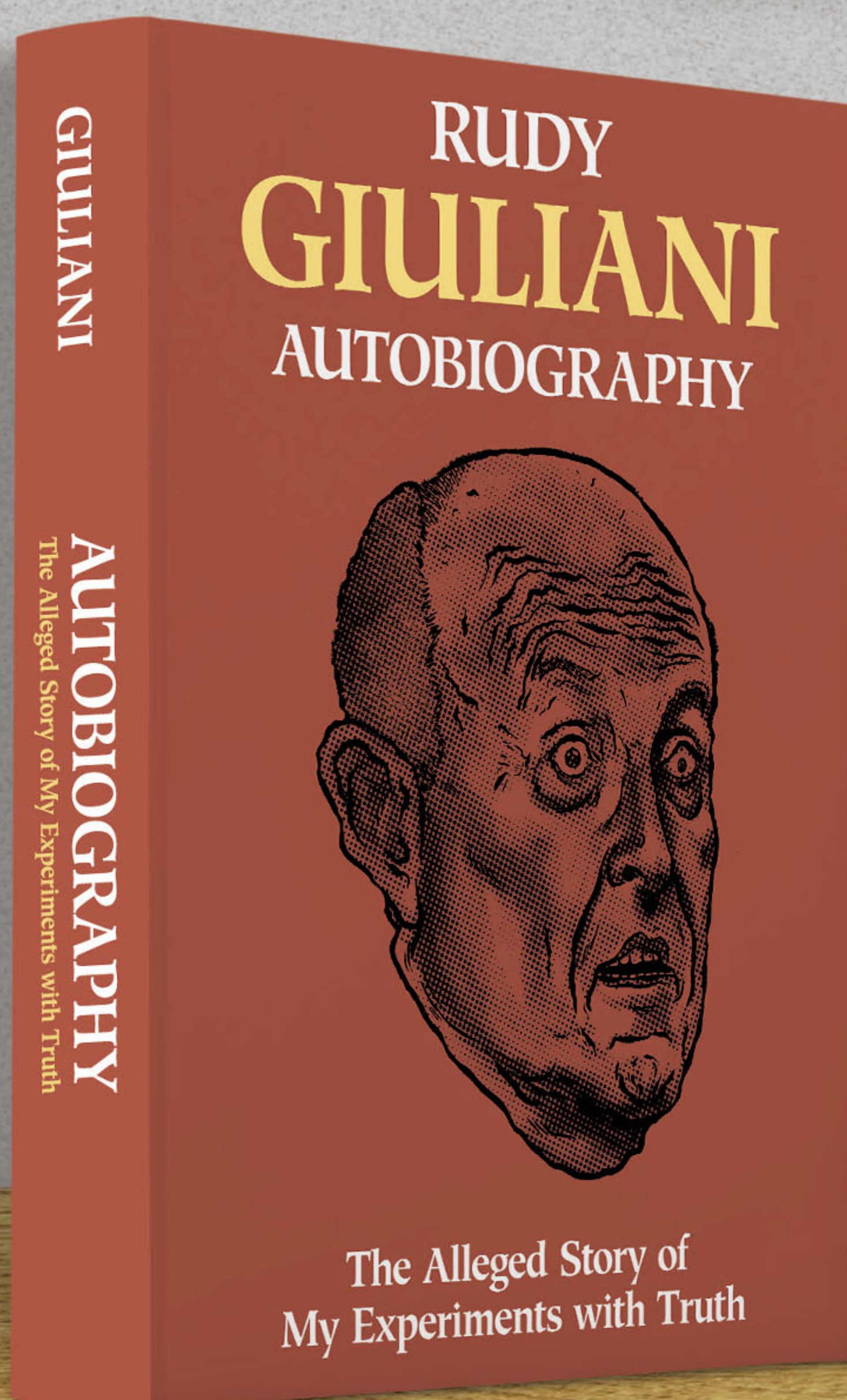
After any shockingly disgraceful period of time in public service, there's only **one** thing a decent American can do to win back lost respect: write a book that throws their friends and colleagues under the bus! Aided by a **spotty memory**, **delusions of grandeur**, and a **ghostwriter** (since they can't actually **read**), these very fine people seek to tell **their** side of the story...and hope to get it optioned for a **movie deal**! Since extradition treaties are **so unfair**, why not escape with a **book**? Perhaps one of these...

# EMBARRASSING TELL-ALLS WE'LL SOON SEE

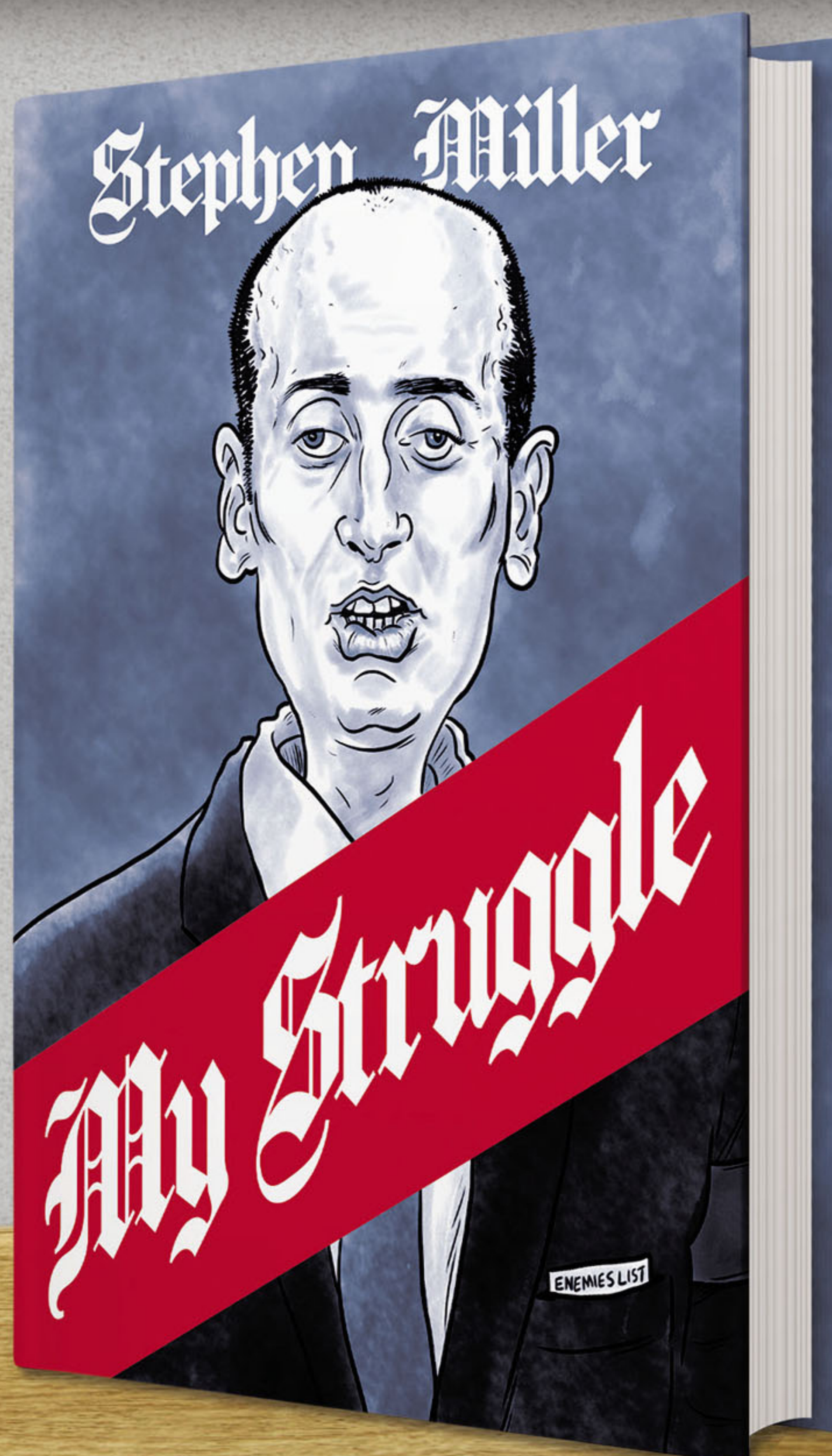
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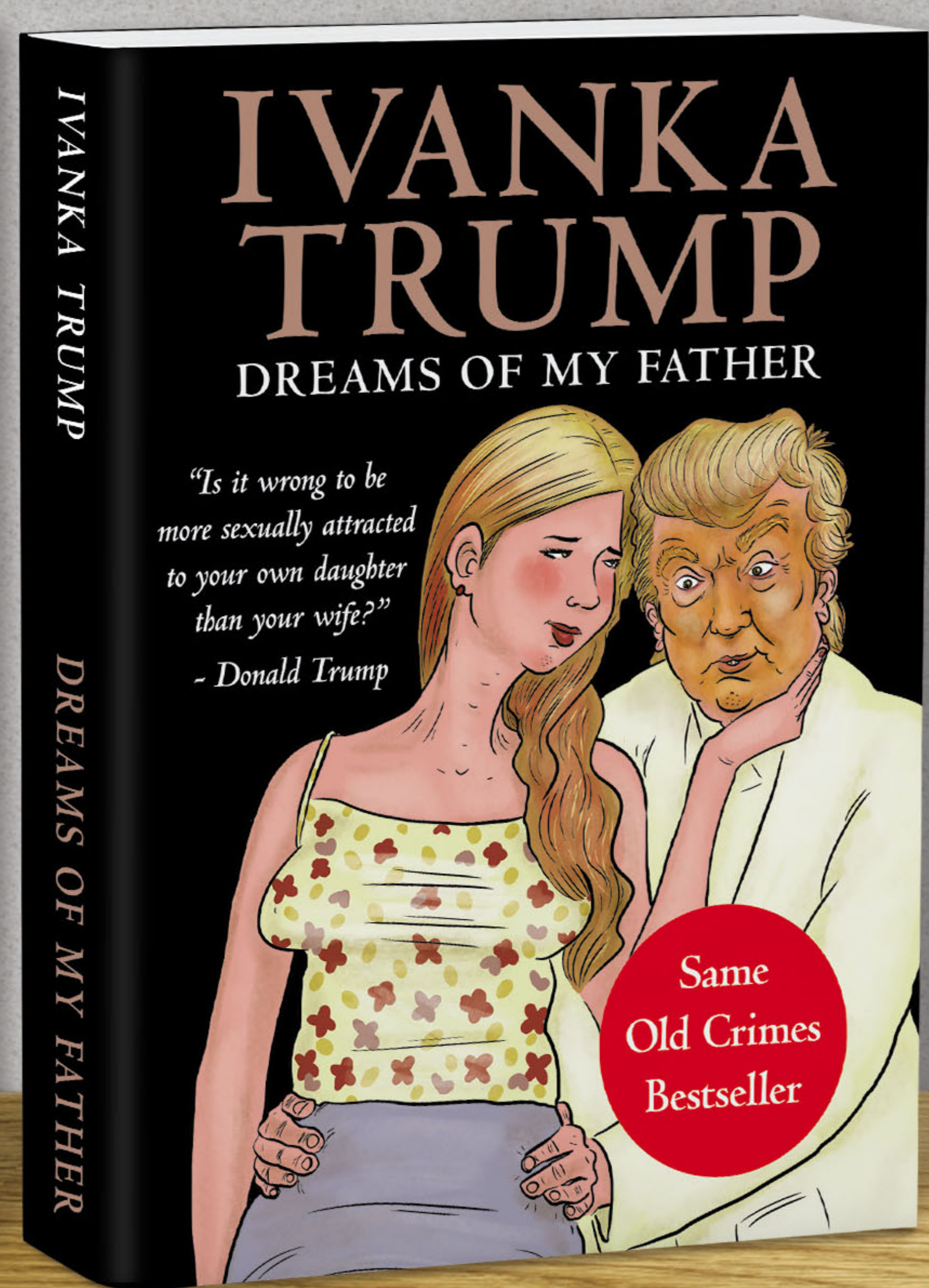
Trump goes full Donald in this presidentially authorized (but completely unverifiable) autobiography.



Truth: what is it? Giuliani truly wants to know! Join him as he tries to find out.

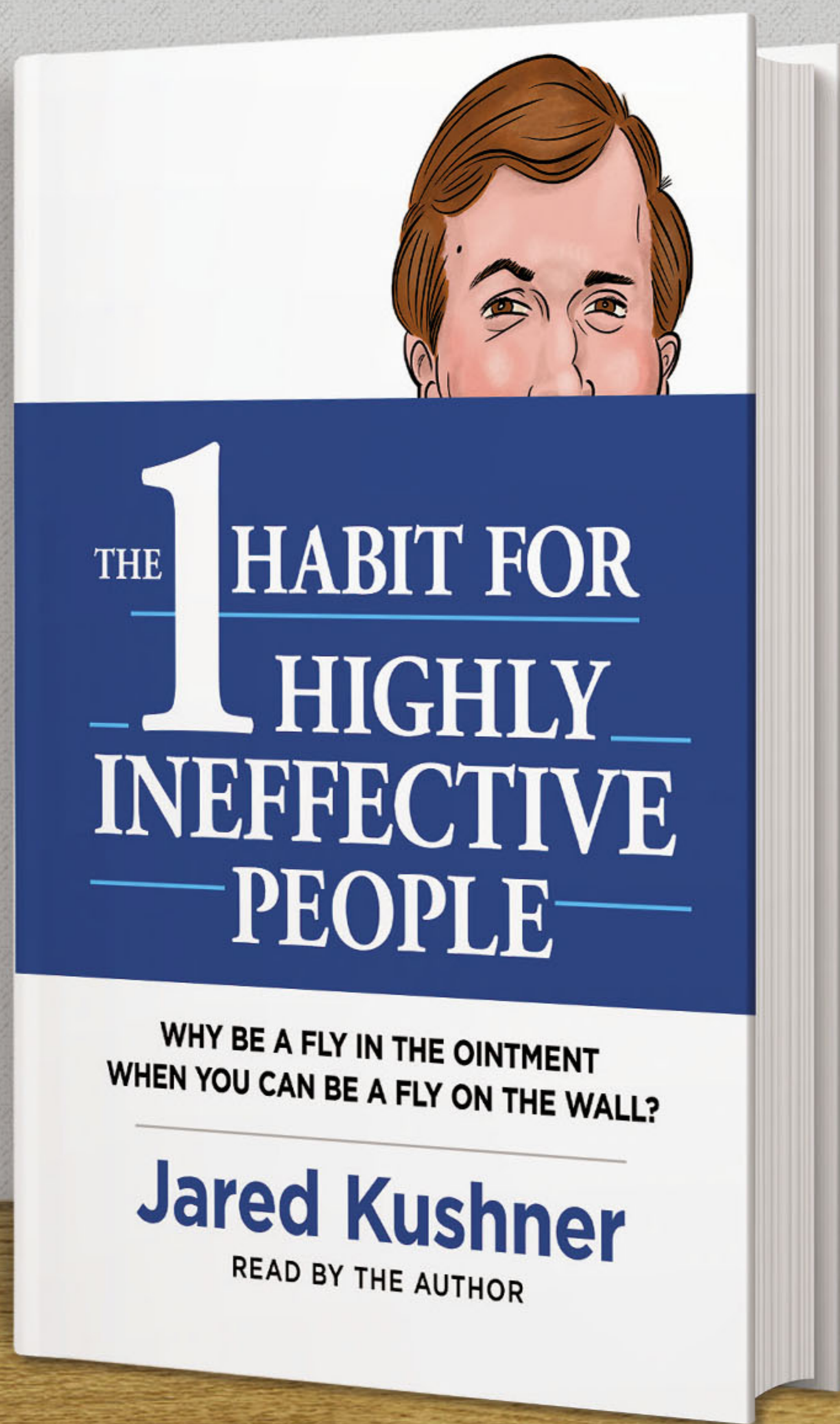


Miller teaches us how to feel like a big, strong man without actually being one.

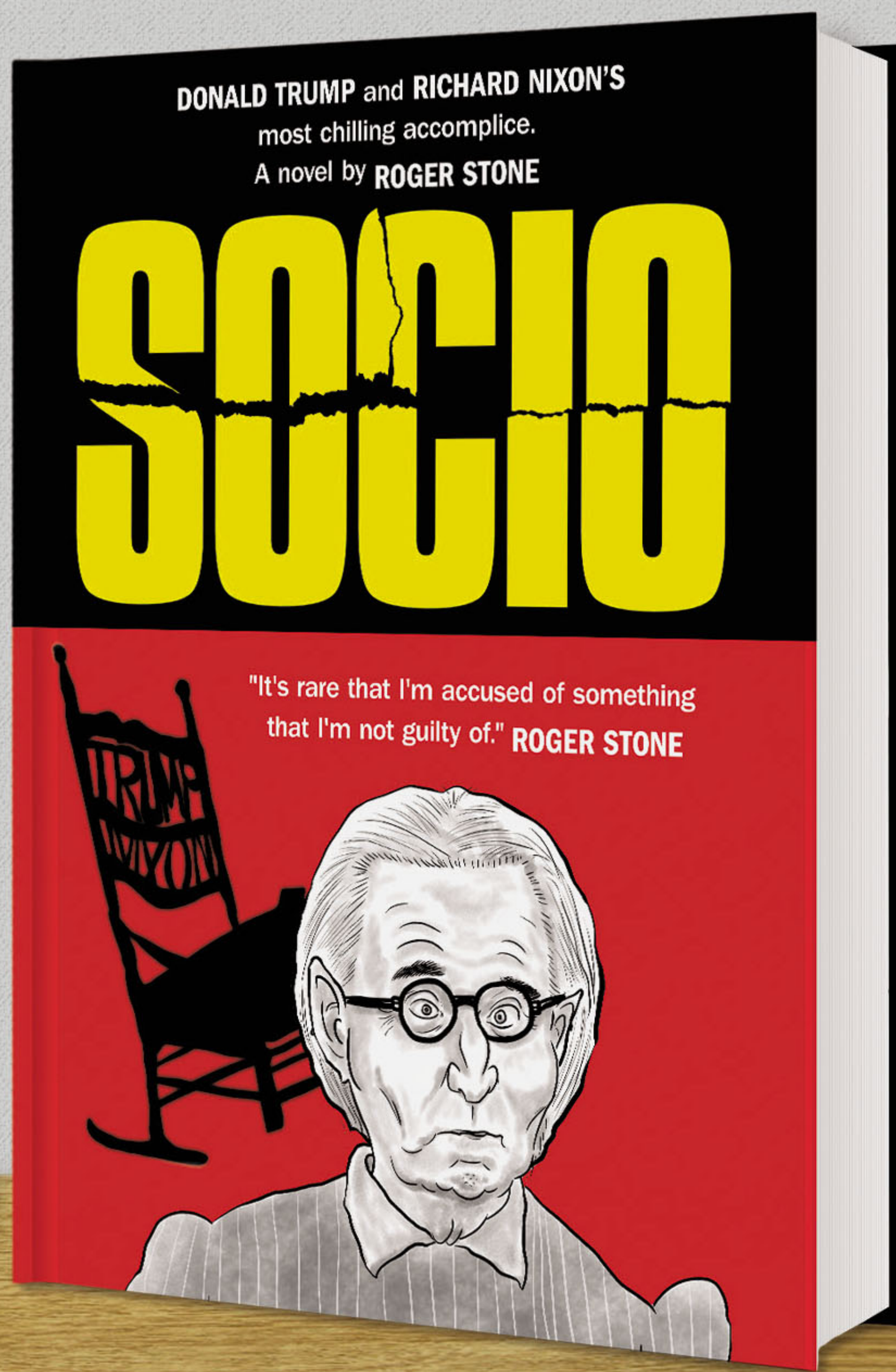


With Ivanka's Electra Complex®, learn to earn security clearance by letting your powerful father stare at you a little too long.

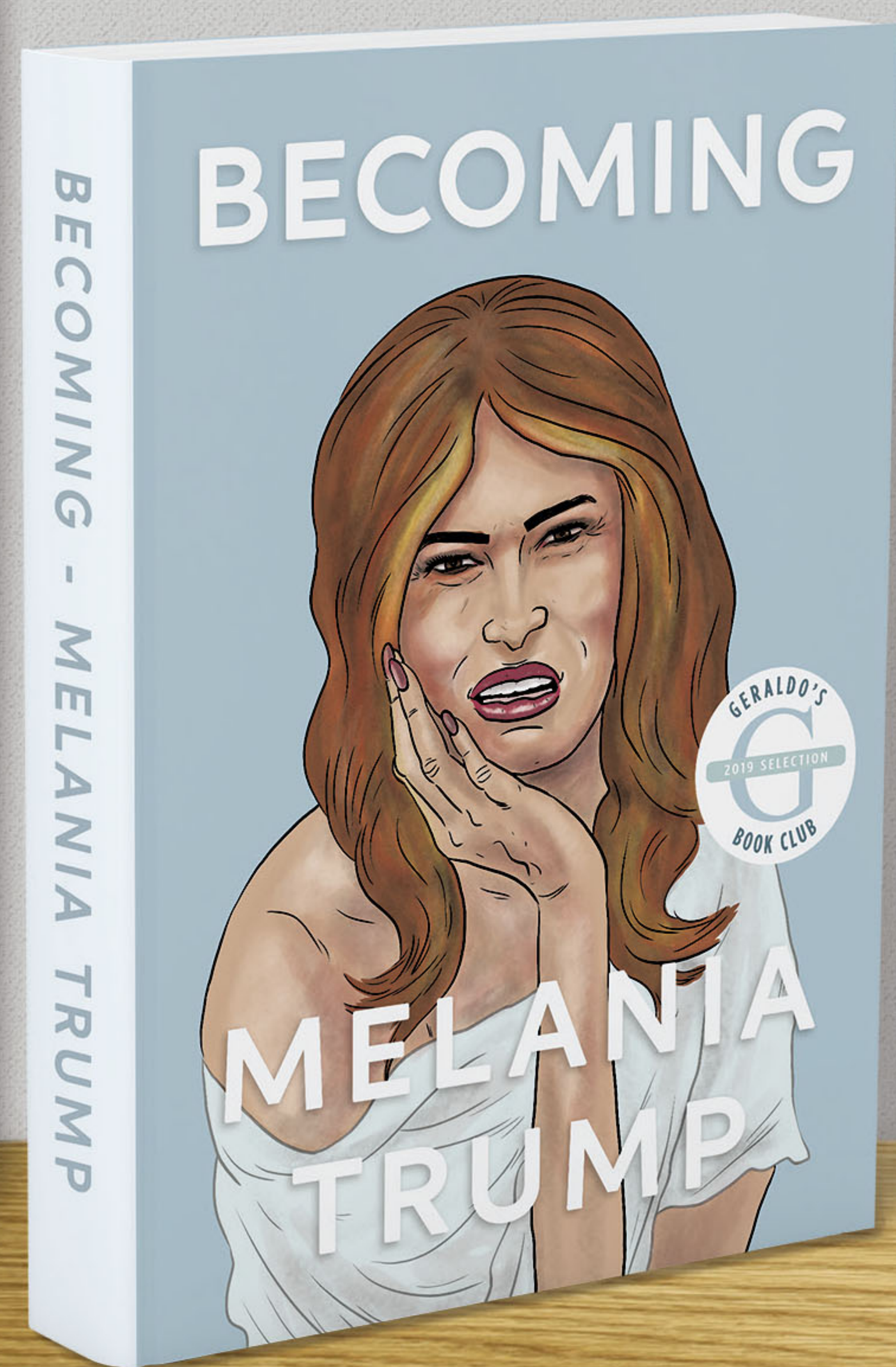




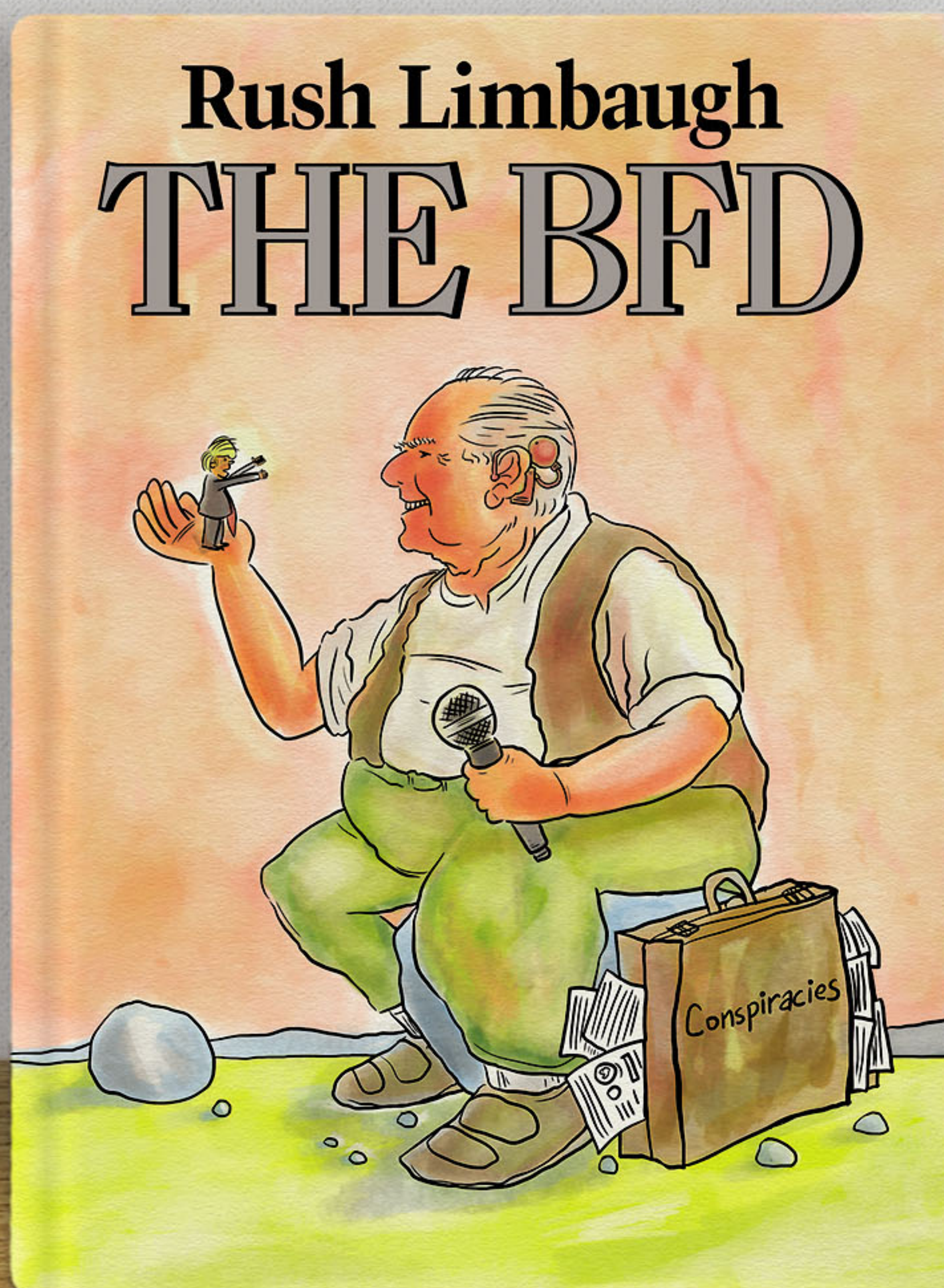
Jared Kushner's vital lesson of marrying into power and then staying out of the way.



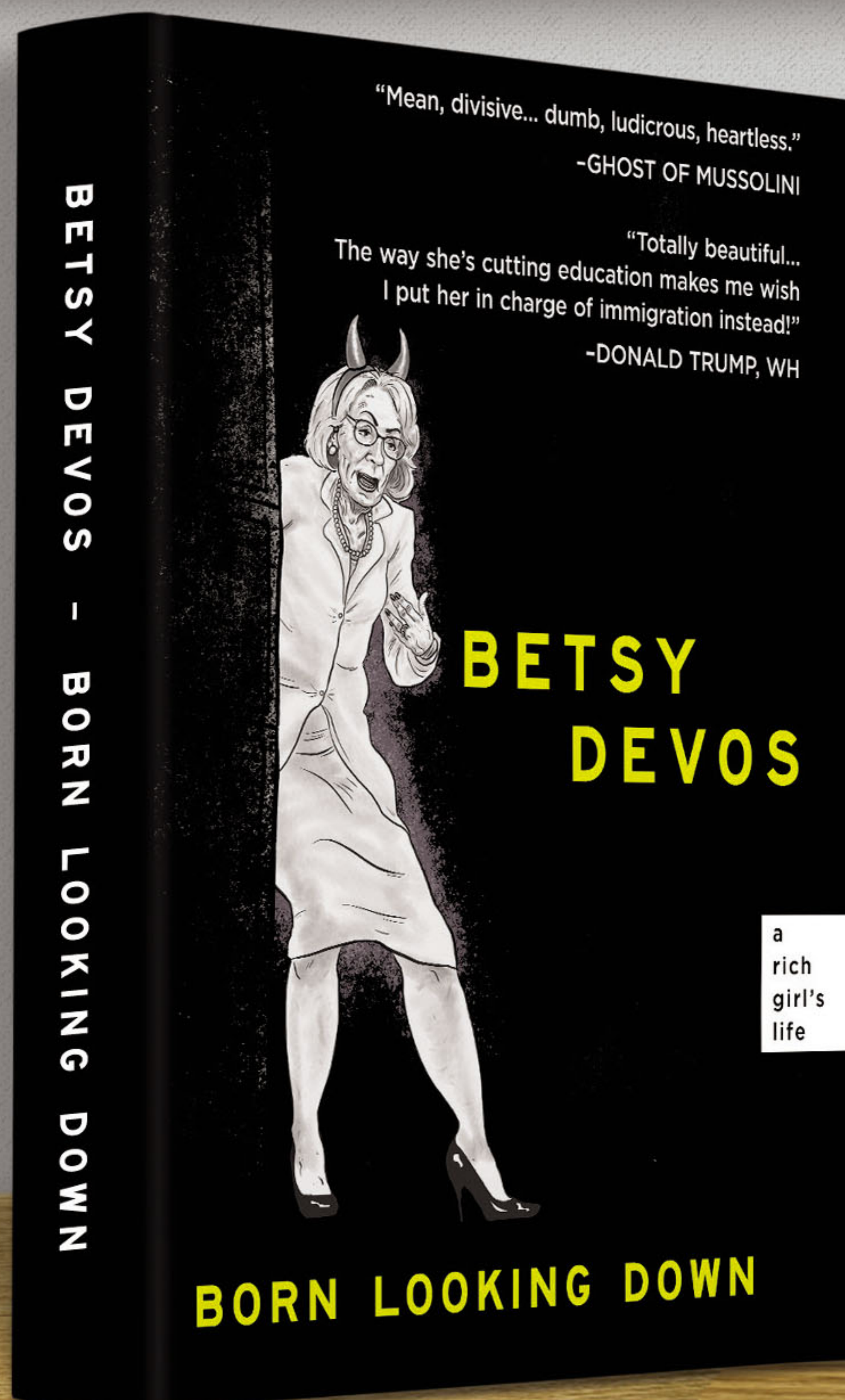
Roger Stone details the benefits of untreated sociopathy in a capitalist society.



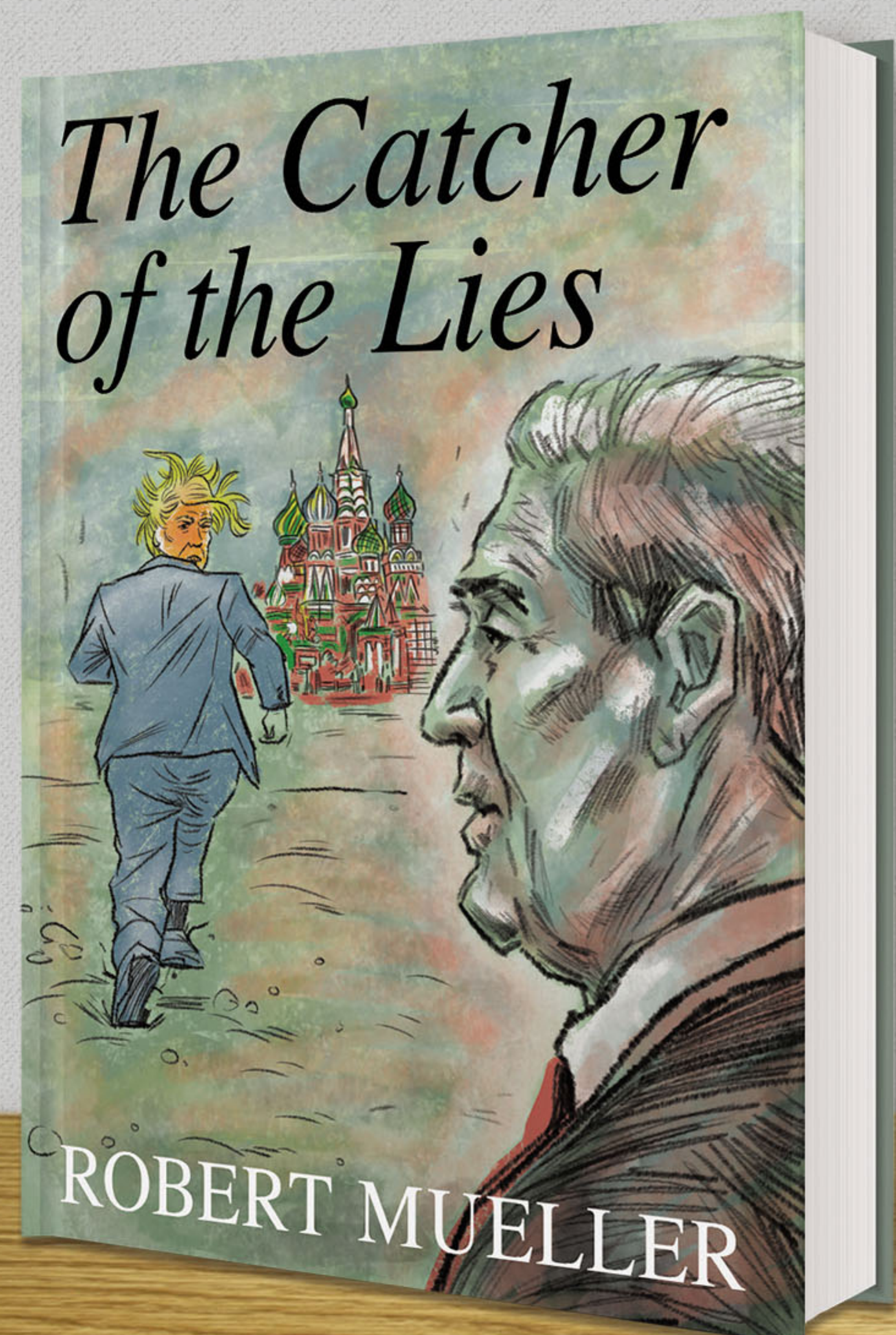
Melania's eerily familiar autobiography. It details her time in the White House, her Chicago roots, and being the mom of strong young women named Sasha and Malia.



The BFD warns his audience of all the dangerous immigrants, minorities, and poor people they will encounter if they ever leave the cave.



DeVos' touching memoir, detailing how she came to understand that poor people are stupid and don't deserve an education.

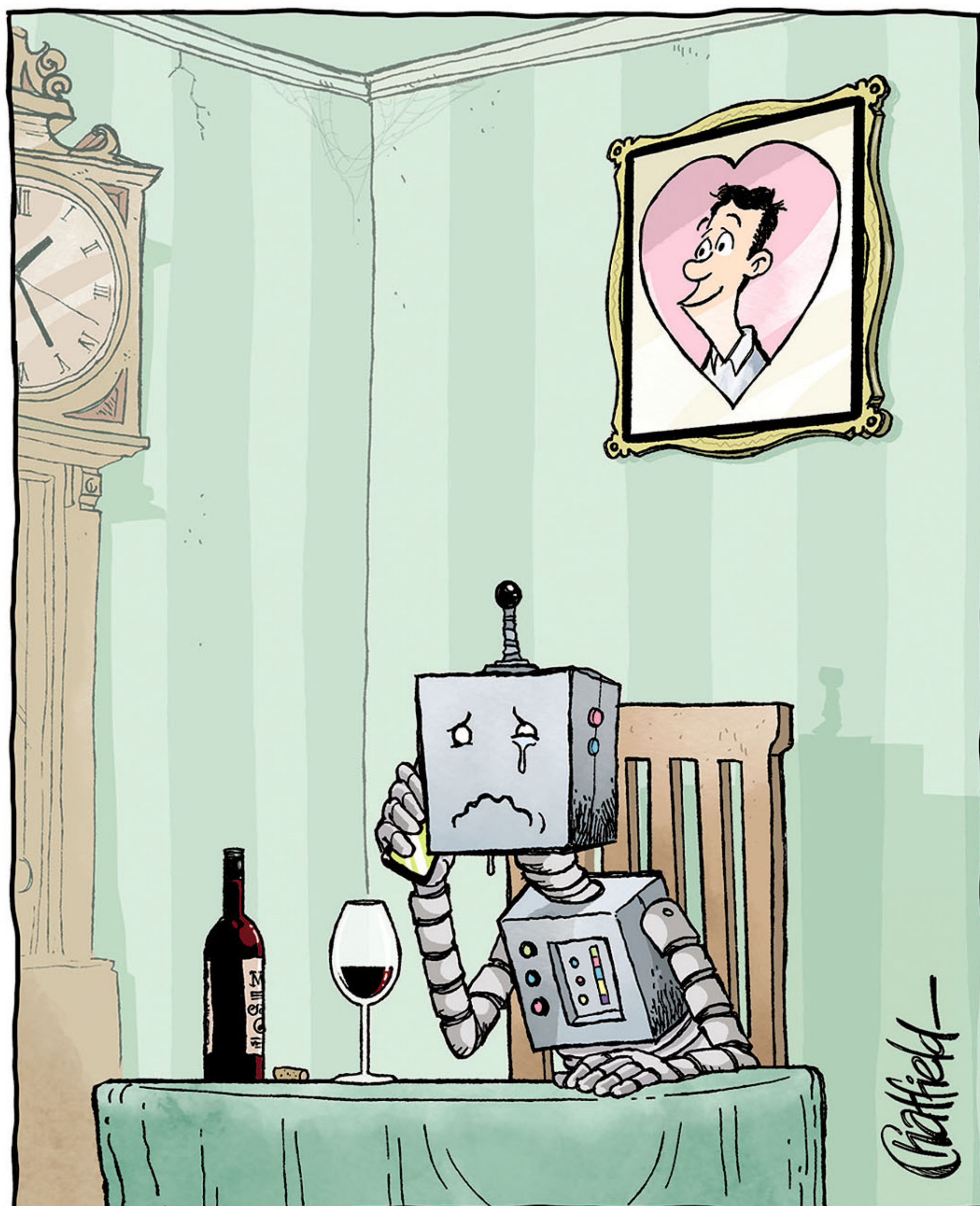


A young man becomes bitter due to the "witch hunt" started by a corrupt official hoping to undermine democracy. Sure to resonate with teenagers of all ages.





# ONE FRUSTRATING COLD CALL







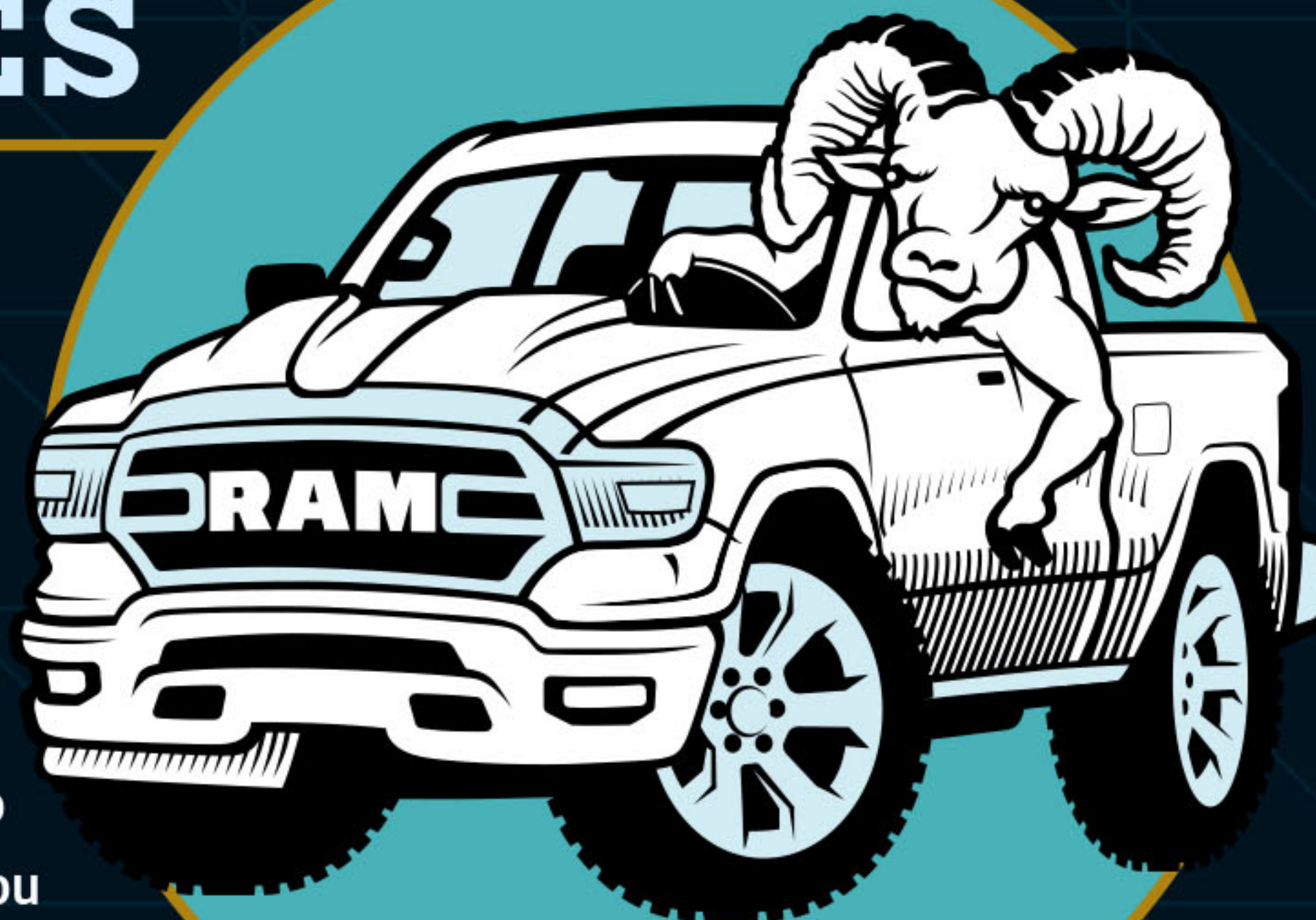
Sup? I'm MAD's resident **brostrologist**, Spencer. I got into astrology in college, after being dealt the harshest punishment known to affluent white males: detention. It was there I met **her**. The artsy girl who said my masculinity was so bomb, it was toxic. She showed me there are many questions only the **stars** can answer, like why is NASA tweeting at Ariana Grande? Now I turn to them for **guidance** on a bi-monthly basis. Skeptical? Just keep an **open mind** and remember: this **could** get you laid!



# BROSCOPES

## ARIES

It's no coincidence Aries shares a symbol with my trusty **pickup truck**, the RAM. Like everything American-made, Aries are reliable, but require a lot of maintenance. You're also ideal for **off-roading**. You should travel soon. What's stopping you, bro? Grab a keg, buckle it in passenger side, and **ride!**



## GEMINI

Gemini is symbolized by **twins**, which is dope 'cause men like us have fantasized about hooking up with biological sisters since the invention of **beer commercials**. I sense you'll meet a set of twins this coming year, fo' sho'. Either that, or you knocked up your ex and she's having twins. But **def** twins!



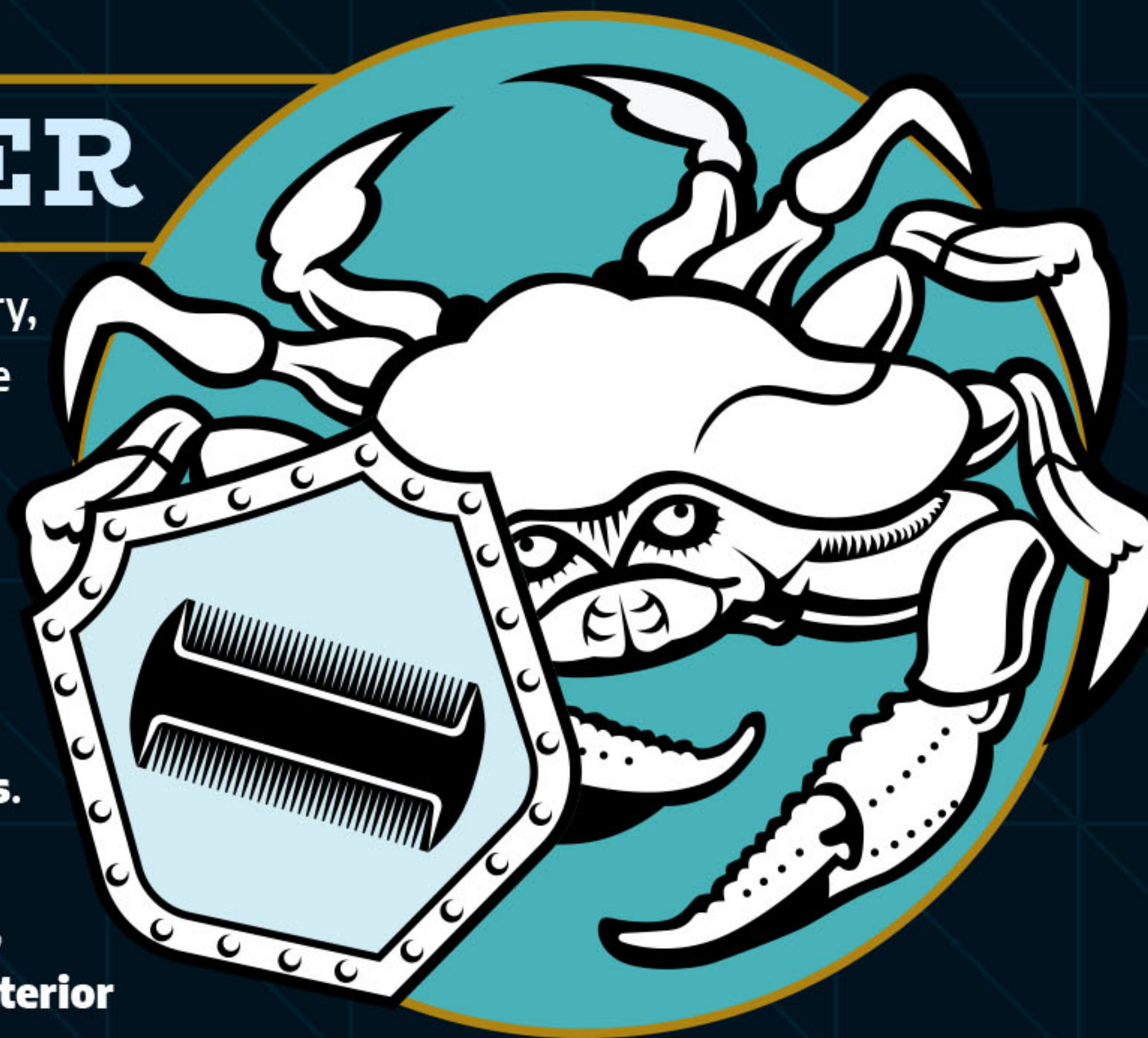
## TAURUS

Taurus is symbolized by the bull. Told you this zodiac stuff was badass. Bulls are the embodiment of manhood: **weirdly large** and **easily angered**. You, Taurus, are just that. Take some time to chill by listening to relaxing music, like early **Limp Bizkit**. Also nap and cut back on the energy drinks.



## CANCER

This one **sounds** scary, because it's the name of a disease you can get from excessive vaping over a prolonged period of time. However, Cancer is about **crabs**. That's the symbol, I mean. Like the crab, you have a **tough exterior** but **soft insides**. Keep that wall up, my man, or else you could get seriously hurt.



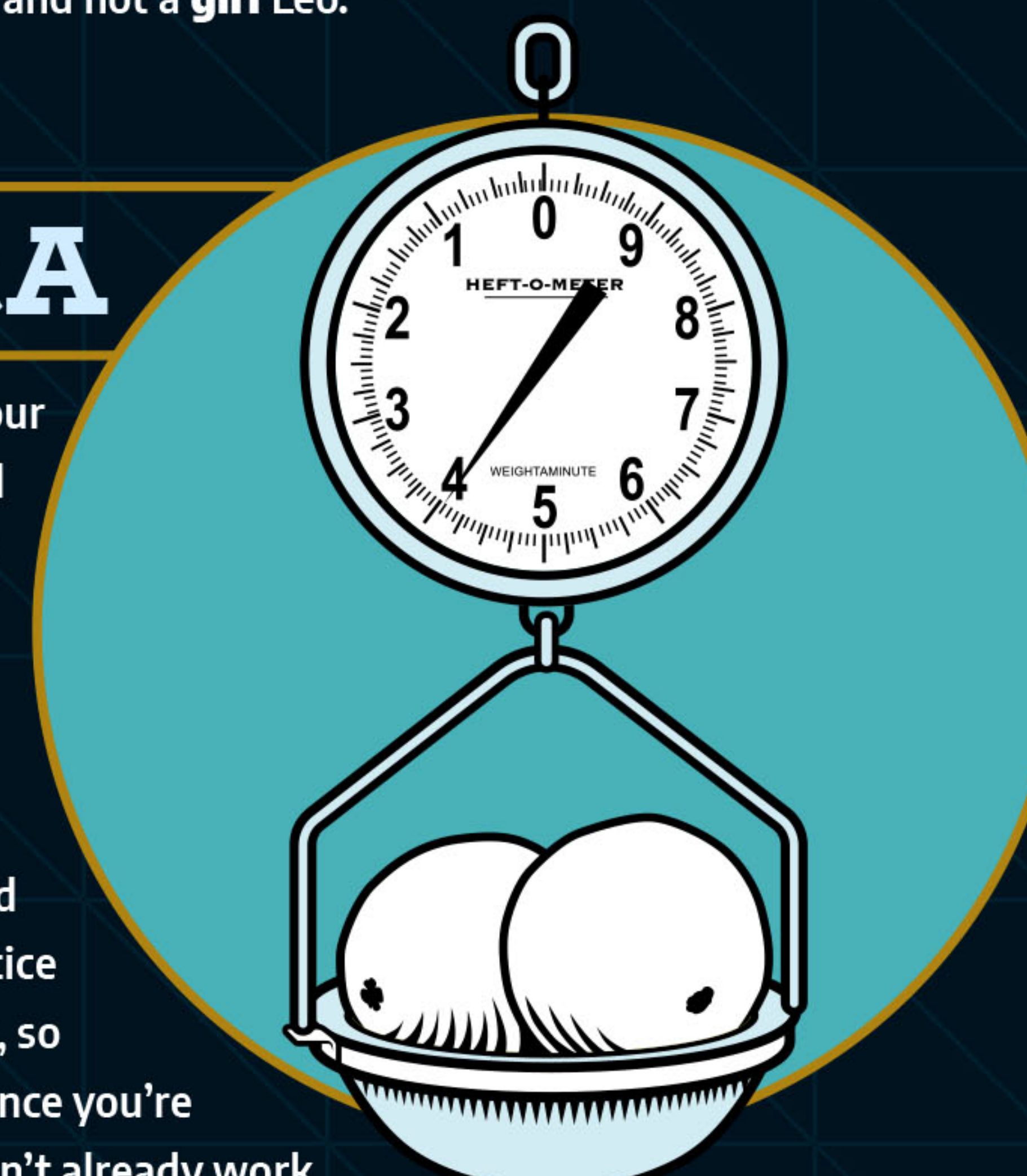
## LEO

Leo is not only the name of the star of *The Departed*, it's also Greek Week speak for **lion**, and with good reason. You have natural leadership skills, which every fraternity, corporation, and country needs. You should run for president of one of those things, **if not all three**...as long as you're a **dude** Leo and not a **girl** Leo.



## LIBRA

Libras are cool. Your sign is symbolized by **scales**, like the scales of justice, or, like, those scales at grocery stores where you weigh **melons** and shit. Scales of justice represent the law, so there's a good chance you're a lawyer, if you don't already work at Trader Joe's. If it's the former, please DM me @RedPill95.



## SAGITTARIUS

Hell yeah, you're the archer. We don't **really** have those these days, but the modern equivalent would be the **tavern dart player**. I bet you're sick at throwing darts. If not, that's messed up. Practice, man! You can win competitions and get free beer. Your future is the brightest of all the signs.



## AQUARIUS

Okay, look, you're a "**water bearer**." You're someone your friends can rely on when they're high on molly and need to **stay hydrated**. I guess that makes you a bit of a lifesaver. Maybe even a **hero**. In conclusion, the Aquarius is a noble, self-sacrificing dude, and an **essential** person to have at any rave.



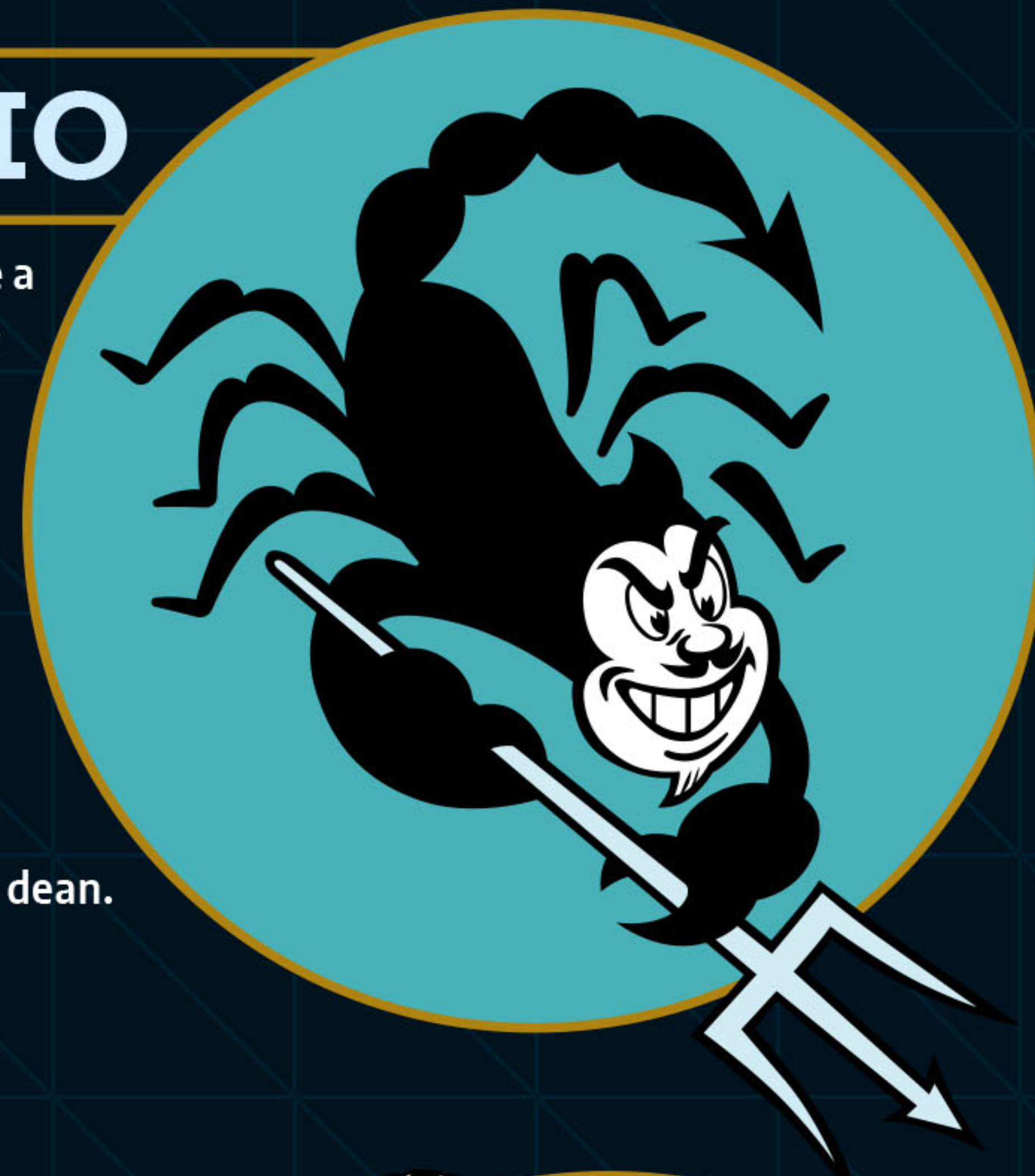
## VIRGO

LOL, bro. Virgo is legit "**the virgin**." Sucks to be you. But if it helps, a lot of people call you "**the maiden**" instead. Haaal I'm not saying all Virgos have never had sex, but I **will** say I've never seen a Virgo have sex and leave it at that. If it's not obvious, my advice is to get laid. Try a Gemini, because **twins!**



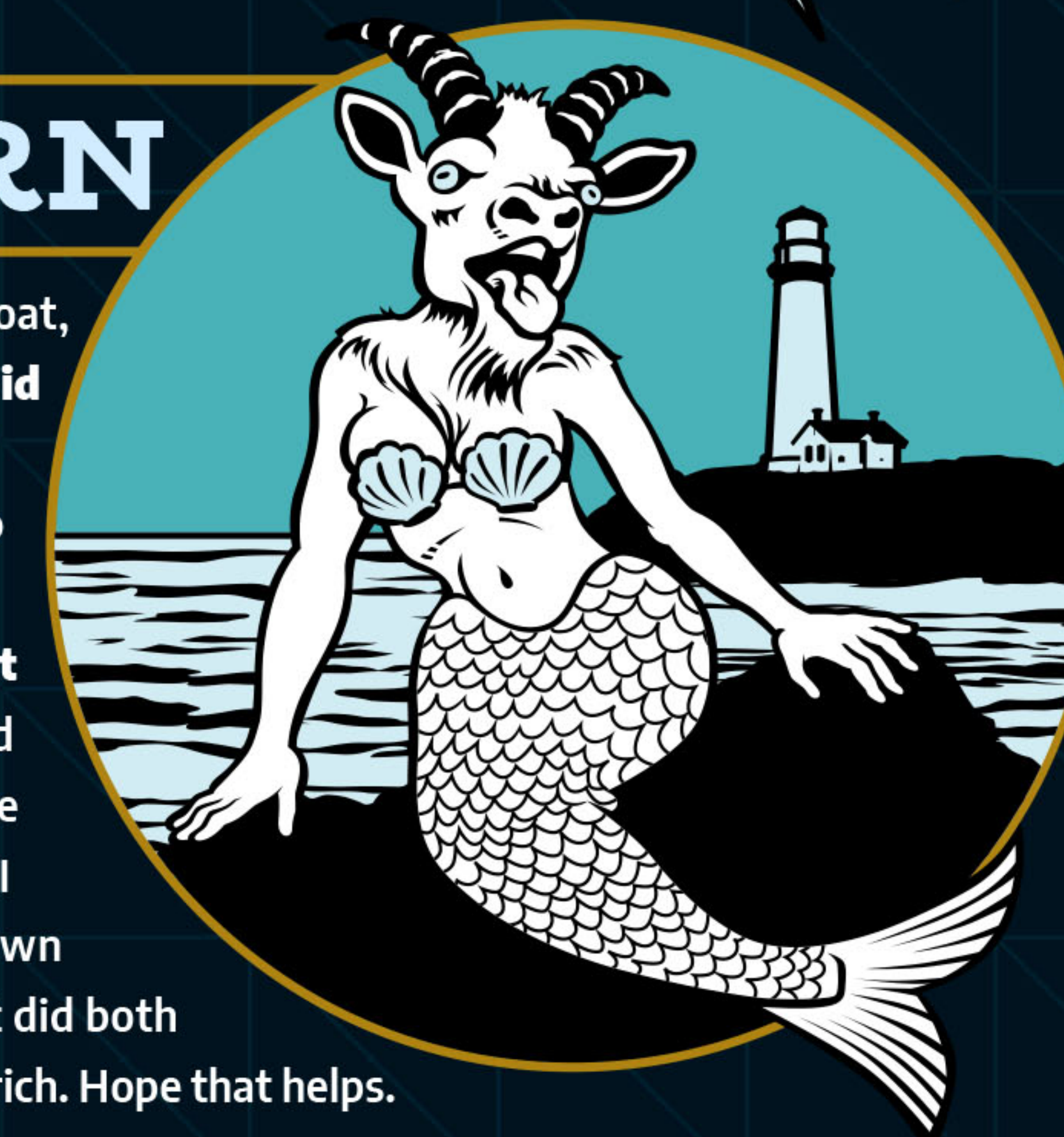
## SCORPIO

It's the **scorpion!** Scorpions are a **lot** like scorpions in that they thrive in desert environments. You should attend **Arizona State University**, my alma mater. If you're too old to be a student, you can just as easily become a professor there. My buddy Brad didn't even graduate and is now the dean.



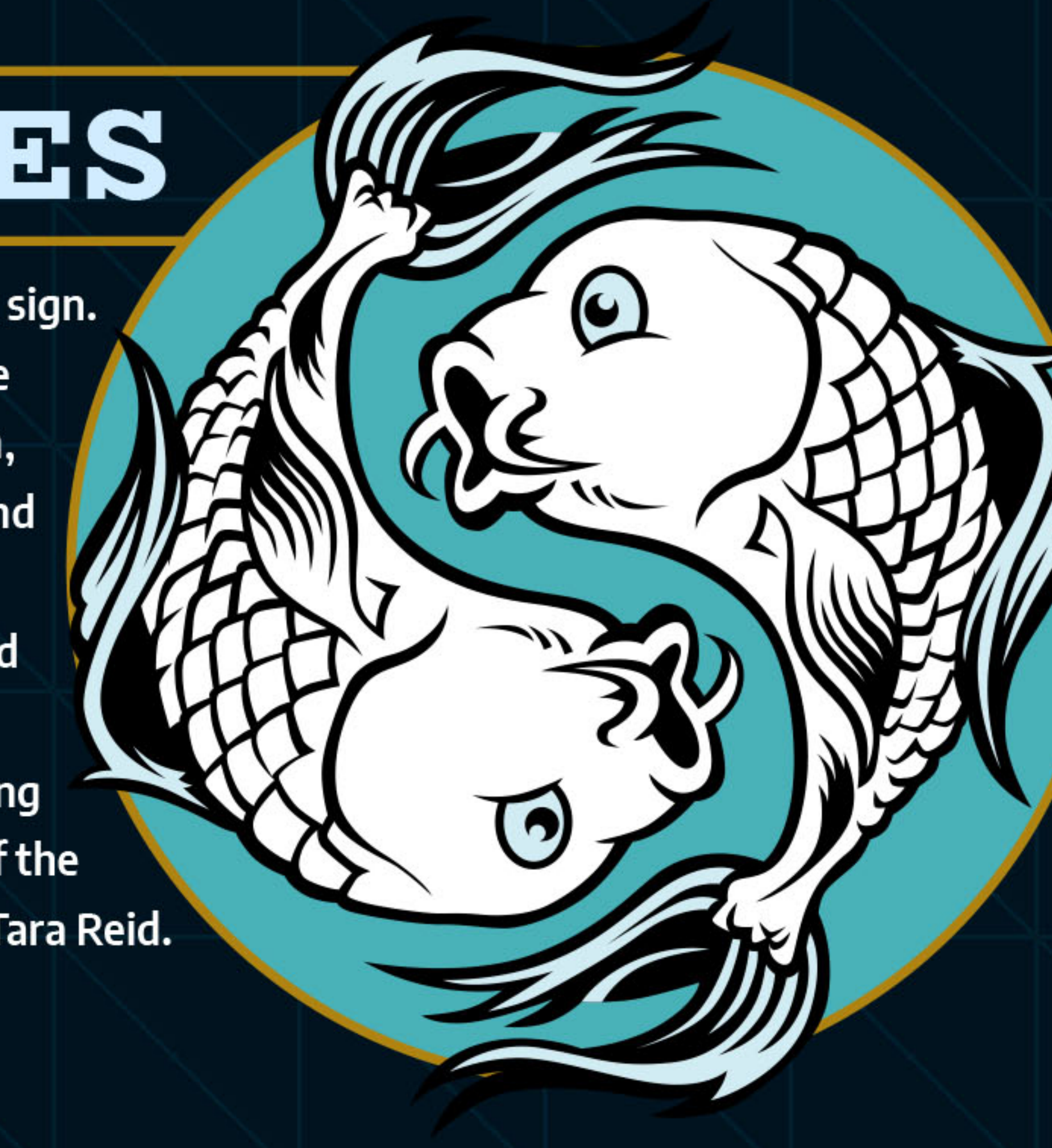
## CAPRICORN

Capricorn is the sea goat, which is like a **mermaid goat**, basically. This means you live in **two worlds** and are not sure which to **commit to**. Like when my dad wanted me to run the family business, but I wanted to start my own with his money. I just did both because my family is rich. Hope that helps.



## PISCES

Last but not least, the fish sign. If you look at the sign, the fish are in the **69** position, which is hot. Not that I find fish hot, I just mean the **position**. I'm **not** attracted to fish! The only reason I got a boner while watching *Sharknado* was because of the sharks. Wait, no, I meant Tara Reid.







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# POLITICAL ACTION FIGURES

WRITER BROCKTON MCKINNEY ARTIST ED STECKLEY

When the current news cycle feels like something out of a terrible blockbuster movie, isn't it high time political figures get their own action figures? Say no more! These government-issued toys will leave children angry and confused, staging their own filibusters and vicious partisan clapbacks. Prepare to fulfill your civic duty by buying some brand new...

Kamala Harris is...



**FEATURES:**  
**SWAGGER-BUSTING™**  
attack motion, persistent questions, and a piercing gaze that renders other figures paralyzed with FEAR!

**INCLUDES:**  
Jeff Sessions mini-figure that, when brought close to MADAM SIDE-EYE, displays...

**NERVOUS SHAKING CREATURE FEATURE™!**

Mitch McConnell is...



WARNING: Figure is greasy to the touch and will permanently stain furniture/clothes/history. Use only in well-ventilated areas!

Dip your toe into  
**DOCTOR TERRAPIN'S**  
home: Kentucky's  
second-most haunted bog!  
**-FEATURING-**  
skin-sloughing action, repugnant smell, and glowing black heart.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders is...



Teflon-coated for difficult handling, SWAMPMOUTH includes:  
**SMUG-SHRUG ACTION™**,  
a companion snake with duplicate visage, and over 20 unique phrases to dodge any reasonable question!

NOTE: Included outfits and accessories were all made in China, but don't tell anybody.

**KEEP UP!**  
The all-new  
**PRINCESS POWERSTAR**  
comes with the most progressive features, most relevant accessories, and is already every kid's favorite!  
**INCLUDES:** Scathing & Insightful  
**SOCIAL MEDIA POSTING ACTION™!**

Lindsey Graham is...



Good guy? Bad guy? It's fun to guess!  
**GRIZZLOR'S FAIR-WEATHER LOYALTY™**  
feature changes affiliation depending on the outcome of each battle, using an internal computer chip to haphazardly assume the beliefs of other nearby action figures!

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is...



ANNOYINGLY  
ELOQUENT!

YOUNGER  
THAN YOU!

JUST WHO THE  
HELL DOES SHE  
THINK SHE IS?!

WARNING: Figure may reveal just how "liberal" your parents really are.

Hailing from the old maple tree just beyond the bramble thicket, Bernie Sanders is...

**COLONEL VOTE-CUTTER™**

Though not technically an "action figure," this well-worn fan favorite was one of the most popular items in previous years and was recently retired from production. But due to overstock, it's back on shelves!

**NOW!**  
Includes the  
**BEST of INTENTIONS!**



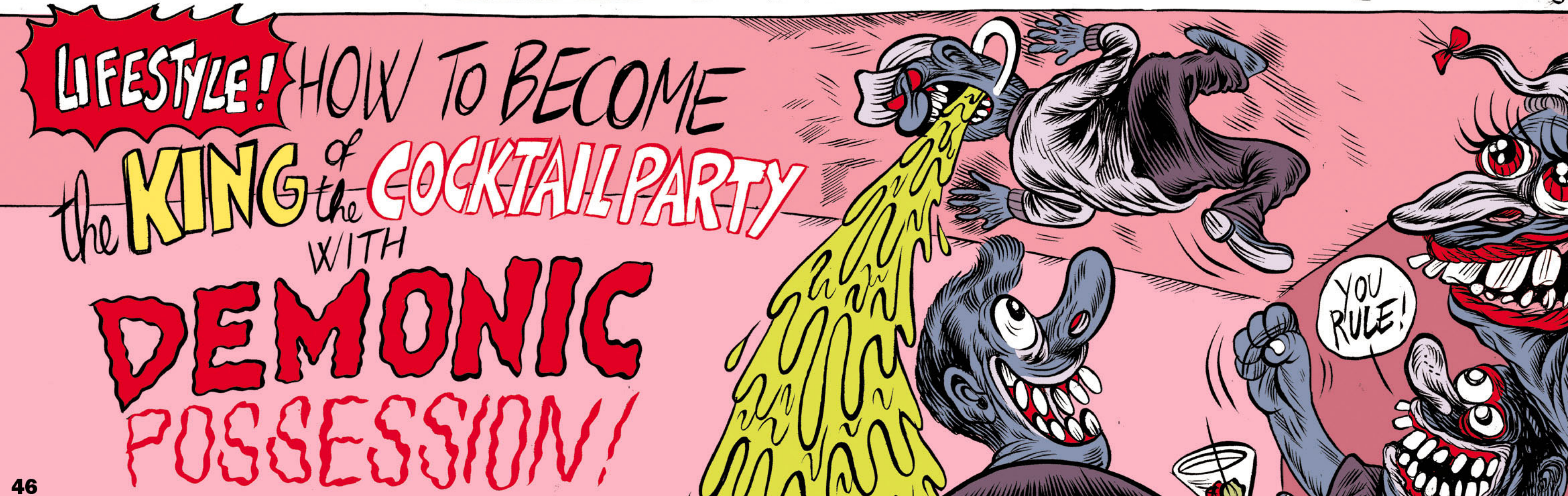
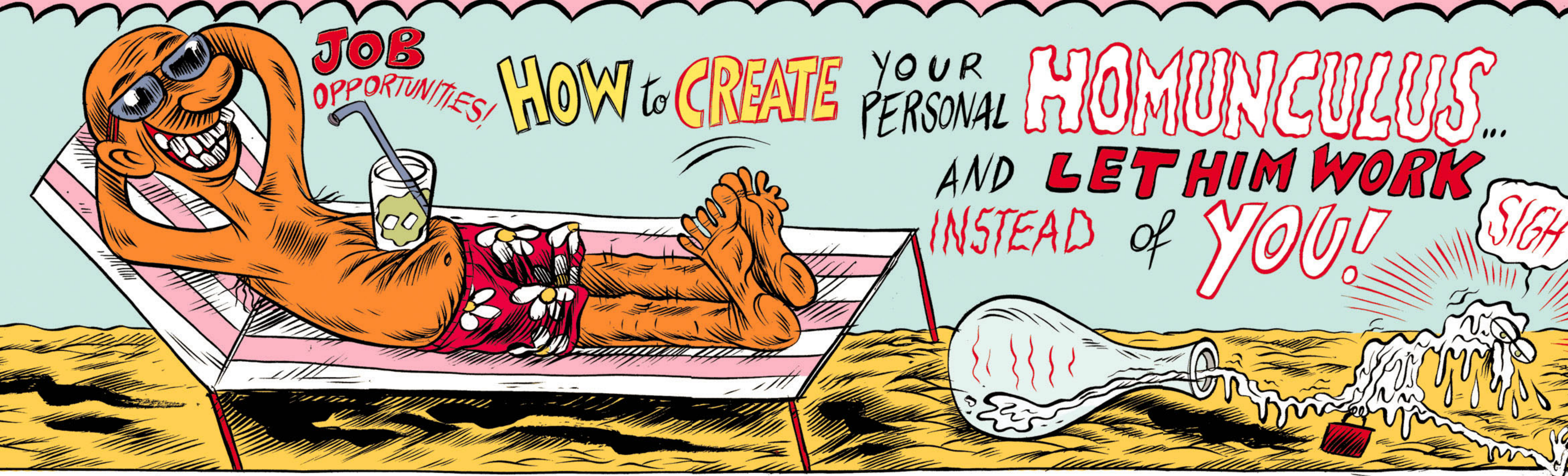


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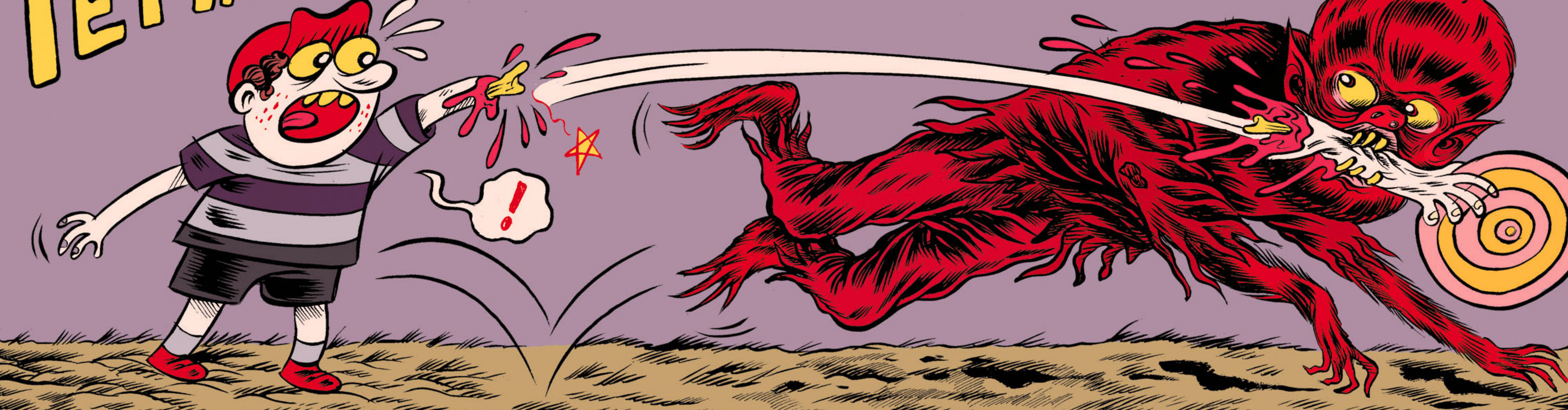
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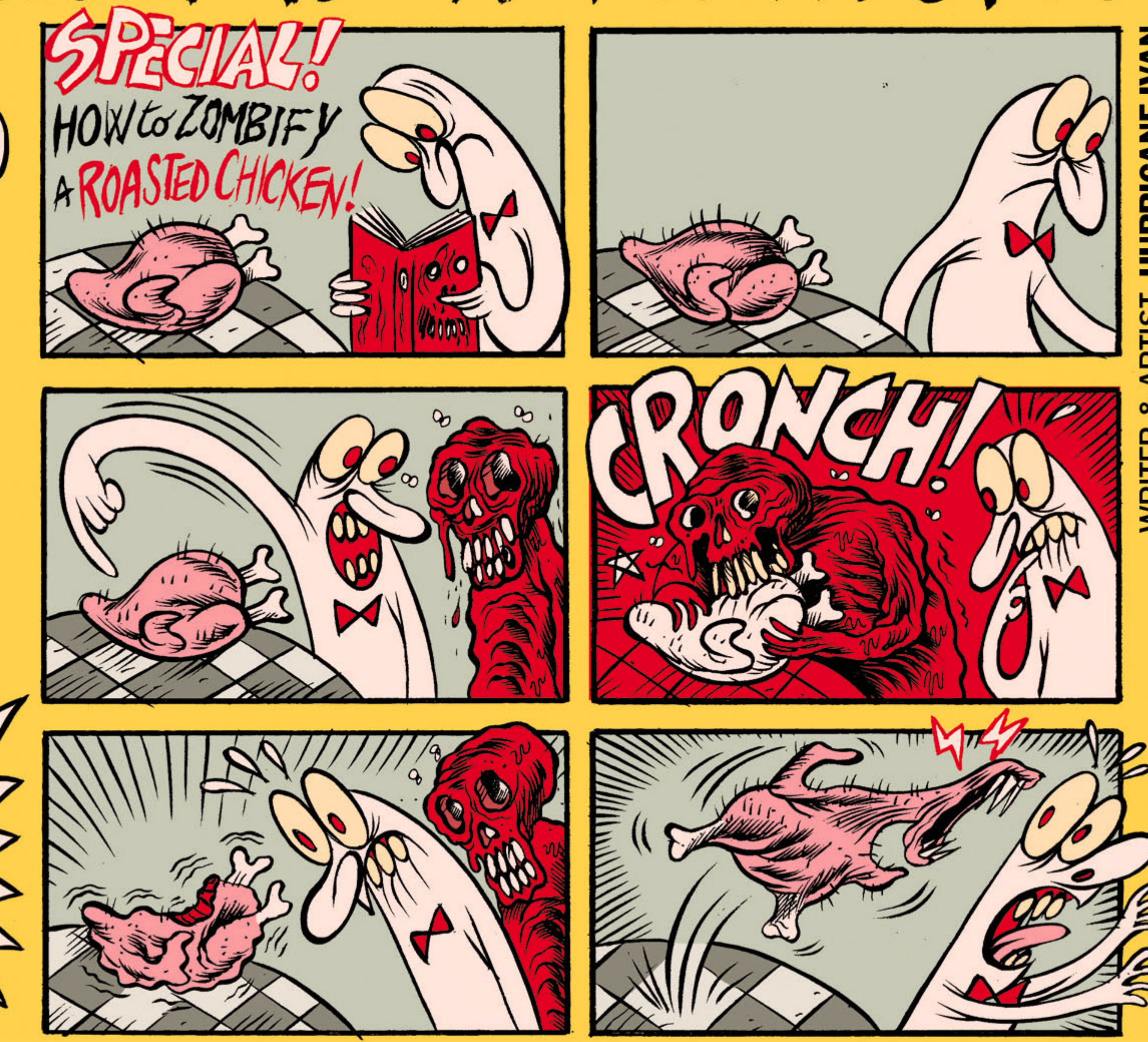
HOW TO USE THE POWERS OF DARKNESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE!



# PET THERAPY & LYCANTHROPY! A PERFECT MARRIAGE!



# HOME REMEDIES! HOW TO PRESERVE YOUR FOOD WITH... ZOMBIIFICATION!



WRITER & ARTIST HURRICANE IVAN

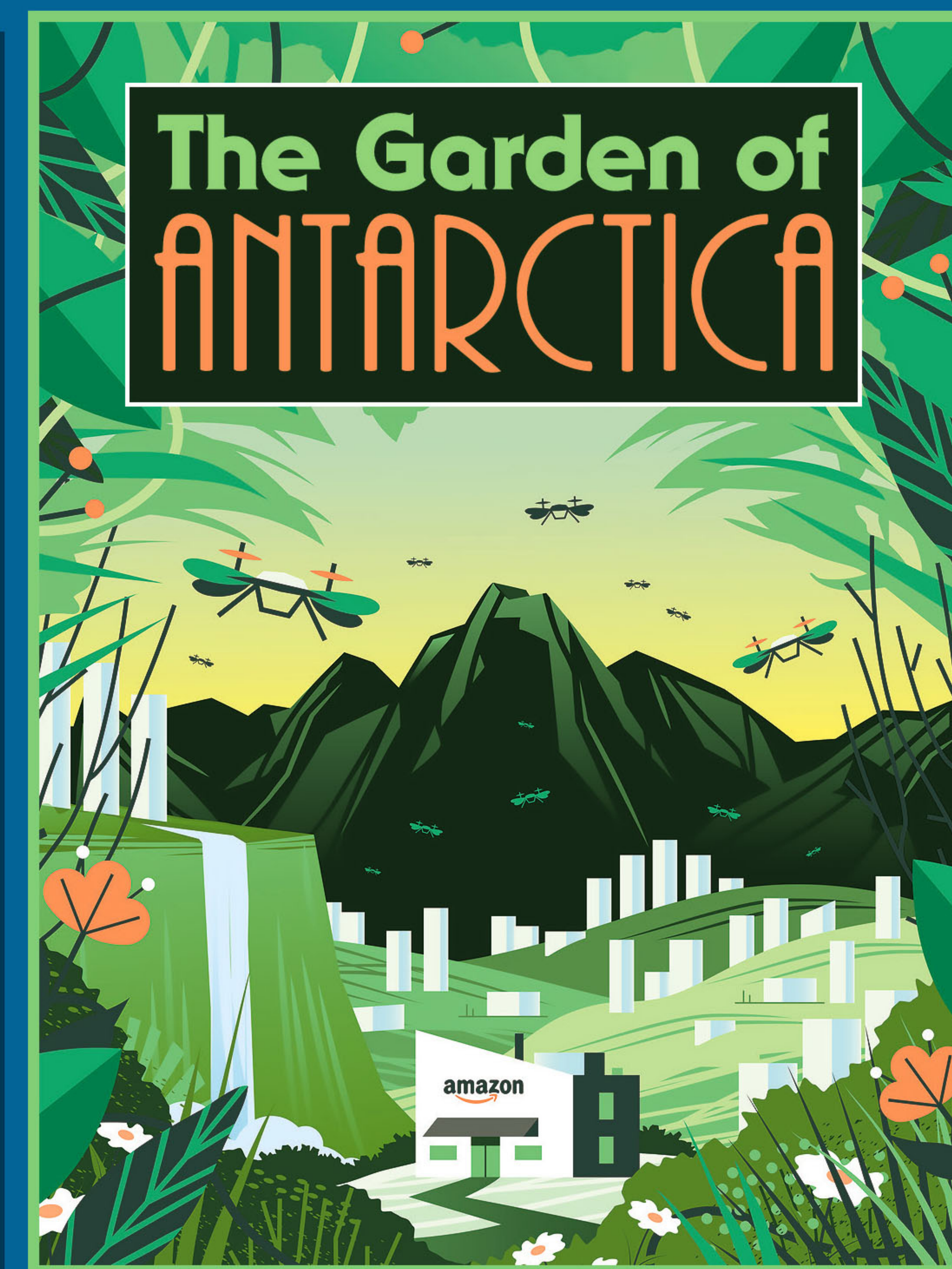
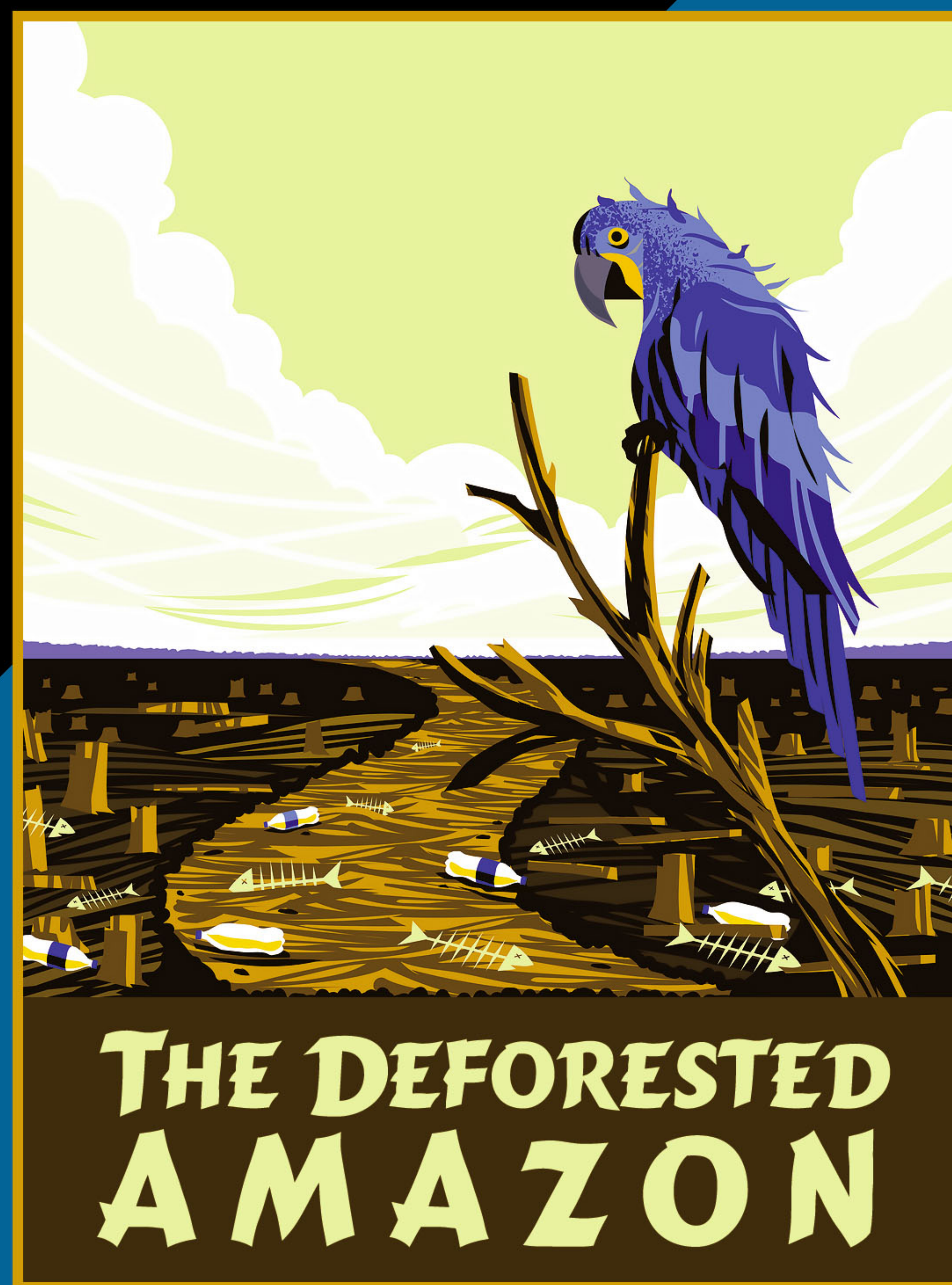
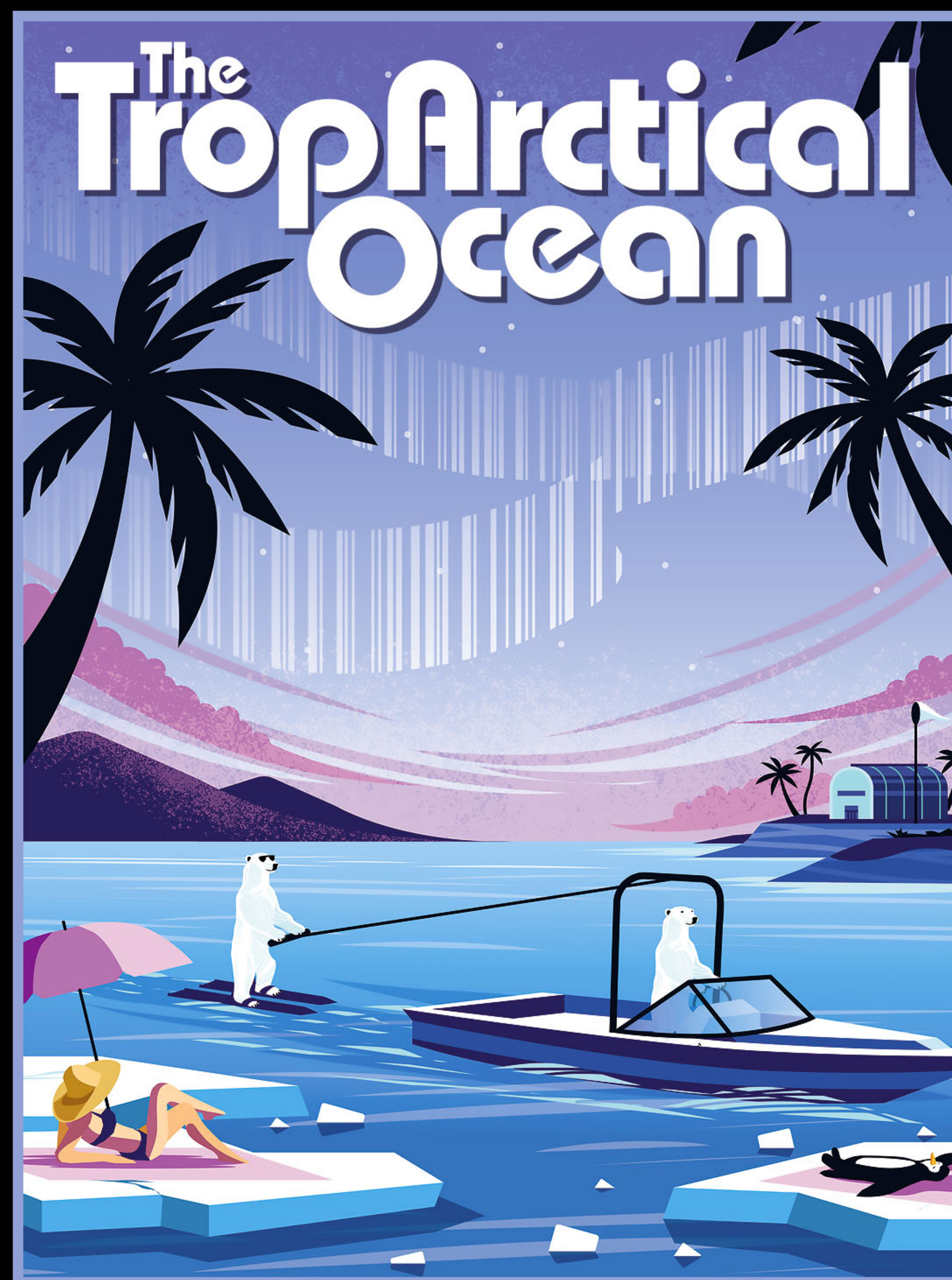
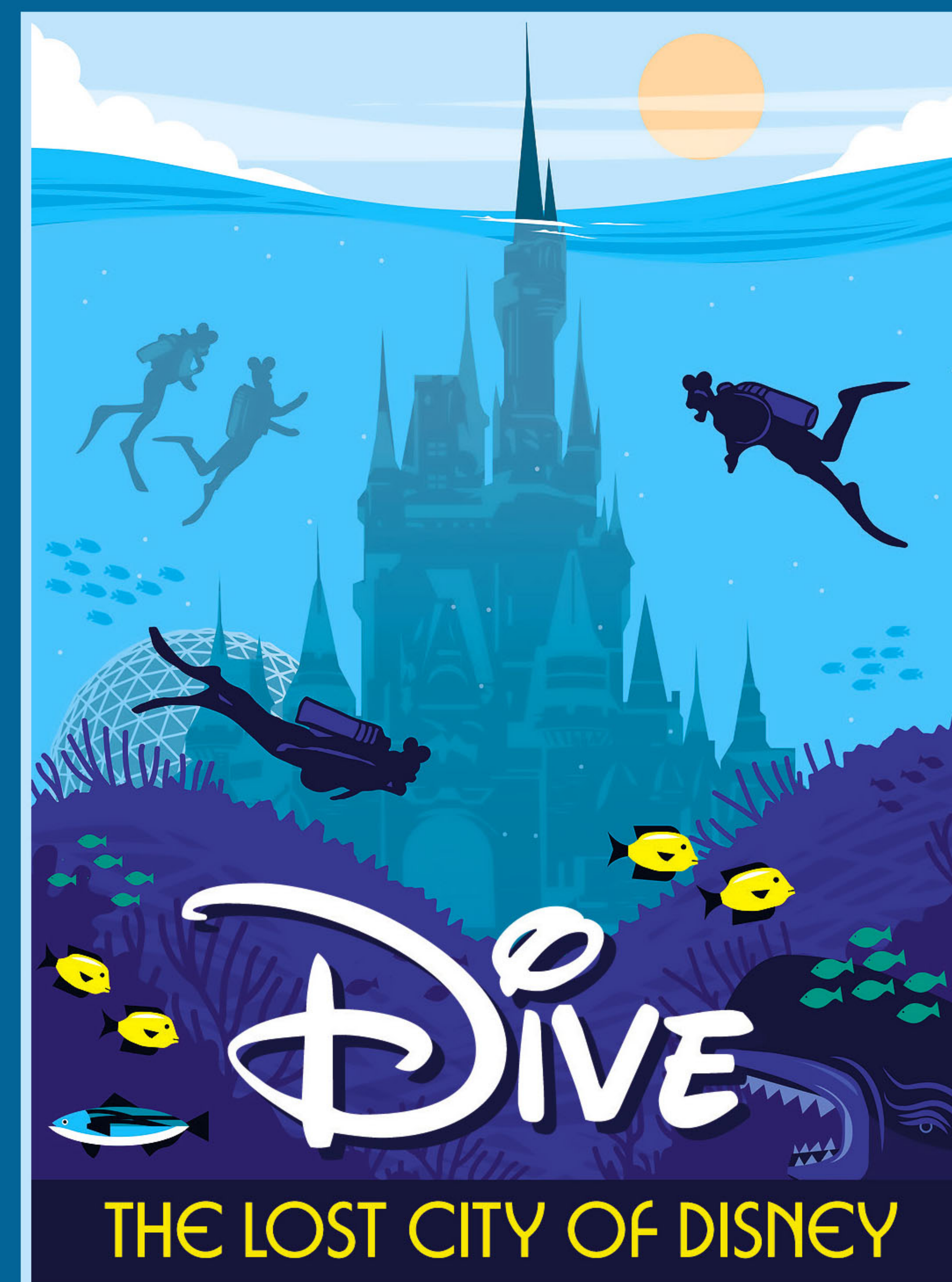




Enjoying some summertime R&R? Perhaps from a little slice of paradise, like an overwater bungalow in Fiji? As you gaze upon endless crystal-blue ocean, do not think about climate change. Pay no mind to the rising sea levels! Who cares? Mass extinction? So what?! The future will be fine! Our descendants, having learned to self-censor the illegal word "science," will have no problem frolicking through these fabulous vacation destinations!

# TRAVEL POSTERS FROM THE FUTURE

WRITER PAT MCGREAL ARTIST MATT CARLSON





**WRITE OF PASSAGE DEPT.**

Ah, yearbooks. Time capsules of our younger, dumber selves that include soulless messages from people you'll likely never see or think about again. Imagine if, instead of scribbling "have a great summer," people said what they really think?

# HONEST YEARBOOK MESSAGES

WRITER & ARTIST TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

Tommy,  
It was really good  
sitting behind you in  
sitting room and Spanish  
and Global.  
I never even KNEW  
blackheads could  
grow inside ears.  
You have about  
a million.  
Jessie F.



Becka,  
Thanks for letting me use you  
when my parents needed to think  
I chose good friends. Love ya!  
♡ Cassie

Devin,  
Can you believe  
this year is  
finally over?  
I am soooo  
glad you  
never actually  
brought high  
powered rifles  
to school to  
kill us like I was  
pretty sure you  
were going to!!!  
K.I.T.  
Michalia

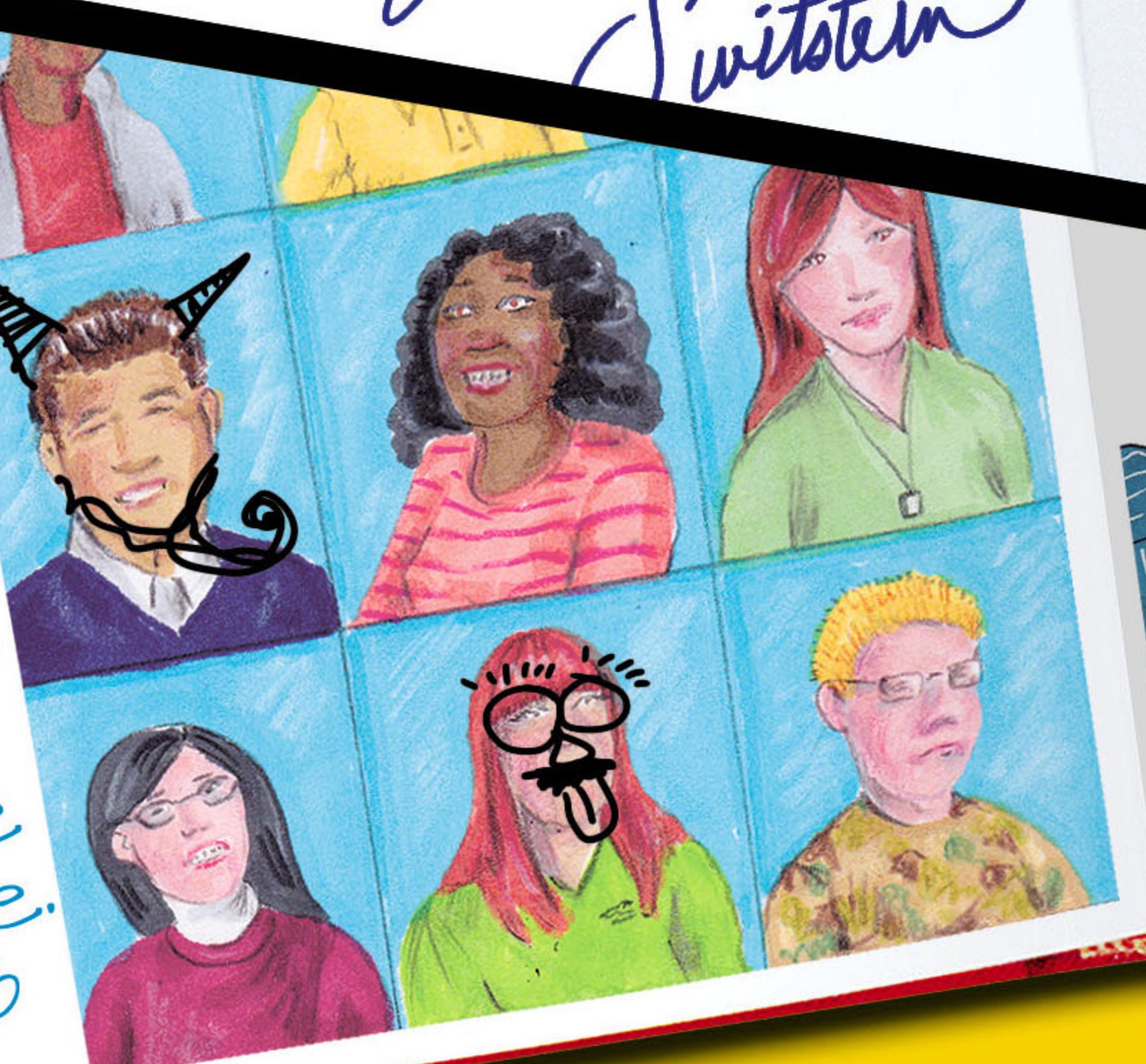


Dear Brittany,  
If your parents  
didn't throw obscene  
amounts of money  
at our athletic  
department, I would  
kick your unintelligent,  
phony ass out of our  
institution and into  
juvenile detention for  
your abhorrent  
behavior.

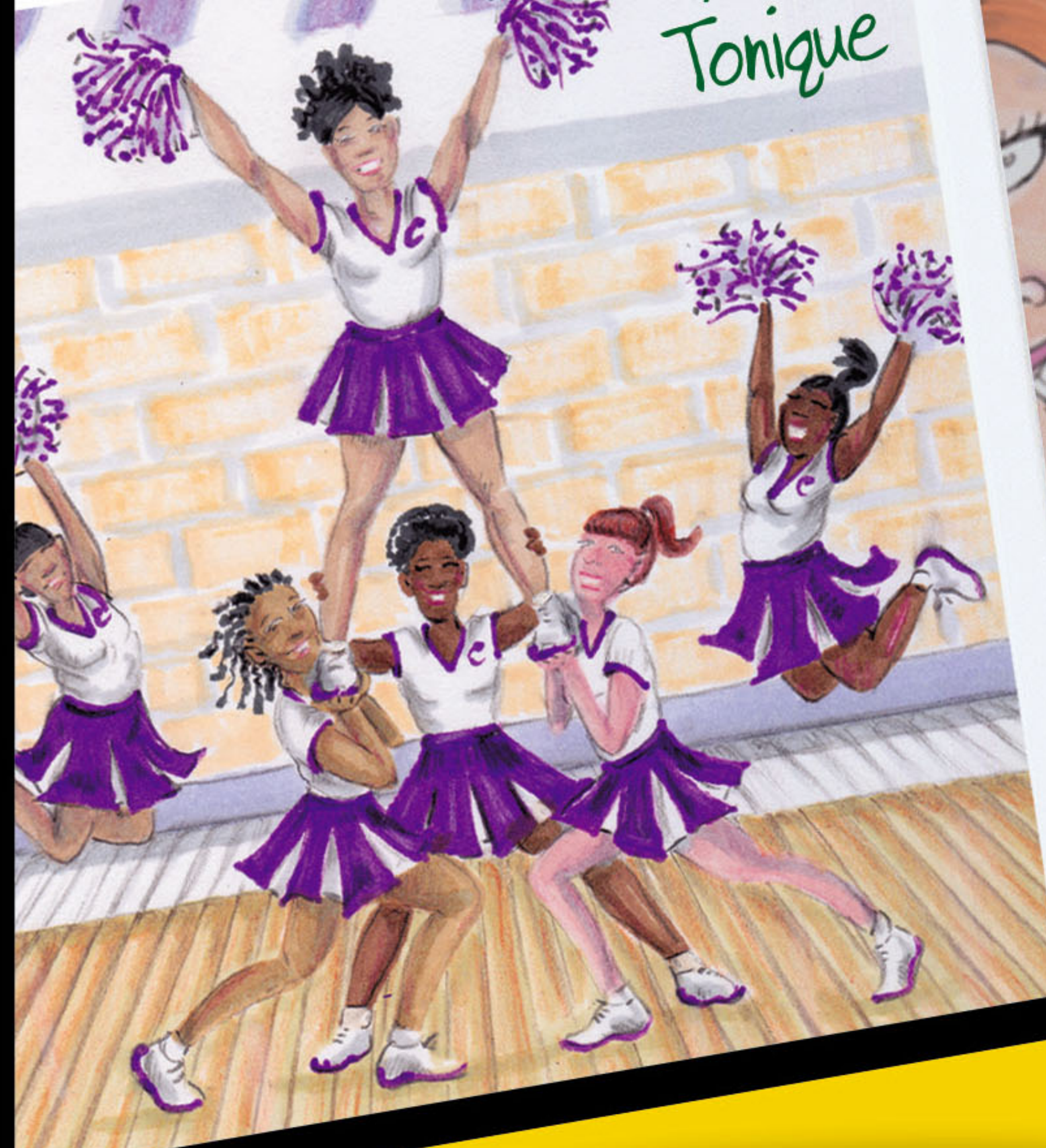
Mrs. Dorothy Switstein  
PRINCIPAL

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Switstein

Lauren,  
Thanks for  
letting me  
sign your  
yearbook  
even though  
you  
NEVER  
acknowledge  
my existence.  
Jacob



Ja'Nia— Cheering with you  
this season was AMAZING, even though  
it was kind of uncomfortable being so  
close to that razor burn on your crotch  
and touching your feet, like, every day!  
And sorry your periods are SO heavy!  
Bluebirds Squad  
4-ever!  
Tonique



**MASTER DEBATE CLUB**



Zach,  
Thanks for taking out  
your deep-rooted  
insecurities on me all year  
by telling the whole bus, every day,  
that I had body lice. Good luck,  
most likely, dropping out and never  
even getting a GED because you are  
such a pathetic waste product.  
PS— Your MAGA hat looks great on you,  
so glad they make them in size XXX-WIDE  
Cody



Rodolfo,  
IT WAS REALLY  
GOOD HANGING OUT  
WITH YOU THIS YEAR  
BEFORE I GOT POPULAR.  
JORGE

BEAR,  
IT WAS AN INTENSE  
PLEASURE COACHING YOU ON THE  
MATS THIS YEAR. WATCHING YOU PERFORM  
A BACKDOOR MANEUVER ON THAT  
WUSS FROM ST. VINCENTS WAS GLORIOUS.  
LET ME KNOW IF YOU EVER WANT  
PRIVATE GLUTE STRENGTHENING  
SESSIONS AT MY PLACE.  
♡ COACH BILLINGSLEY



Kendra—  
You're so sweet.  
Sorry I didn't  
really get to  
know you better.  
I have a  
cousin who says  
Proactiv really  
works great.  
Try not to touch  
your face.  
Your friend,  
Caitlin



Jackson,  
This yearbook  
was just  
handed to me  
and I used  
context clues  
to figure out  
that your name  
is Jackson.  
I don't know  
you, but this  
is a nice way to pass some time.  
I'll always remember being handed  
this yearbook that belongs to  
a stranger. Have a great or  
terrible summer, it doesn't  
really matter to me.  
Jahmeel



ARTIST: MITCH O'CONNELL



## SPOOFING DOWN THE MIDDLE

Dear MAD,  
I'm a 54-year-old lifelong reader. I went through my archives and read some of the older issues (the '70s), and I have found that you have always been a thorn in the side of the Establishment.

So for the folks upset with the Trump stuff, get a life.

Or better yet, get a subscription, since it is actually quite freeing. Nothing says "adult" like a MAD Magazine subscription. This way you will never miss an insult.

Love Always,  
**Mike Piscetelli** via email

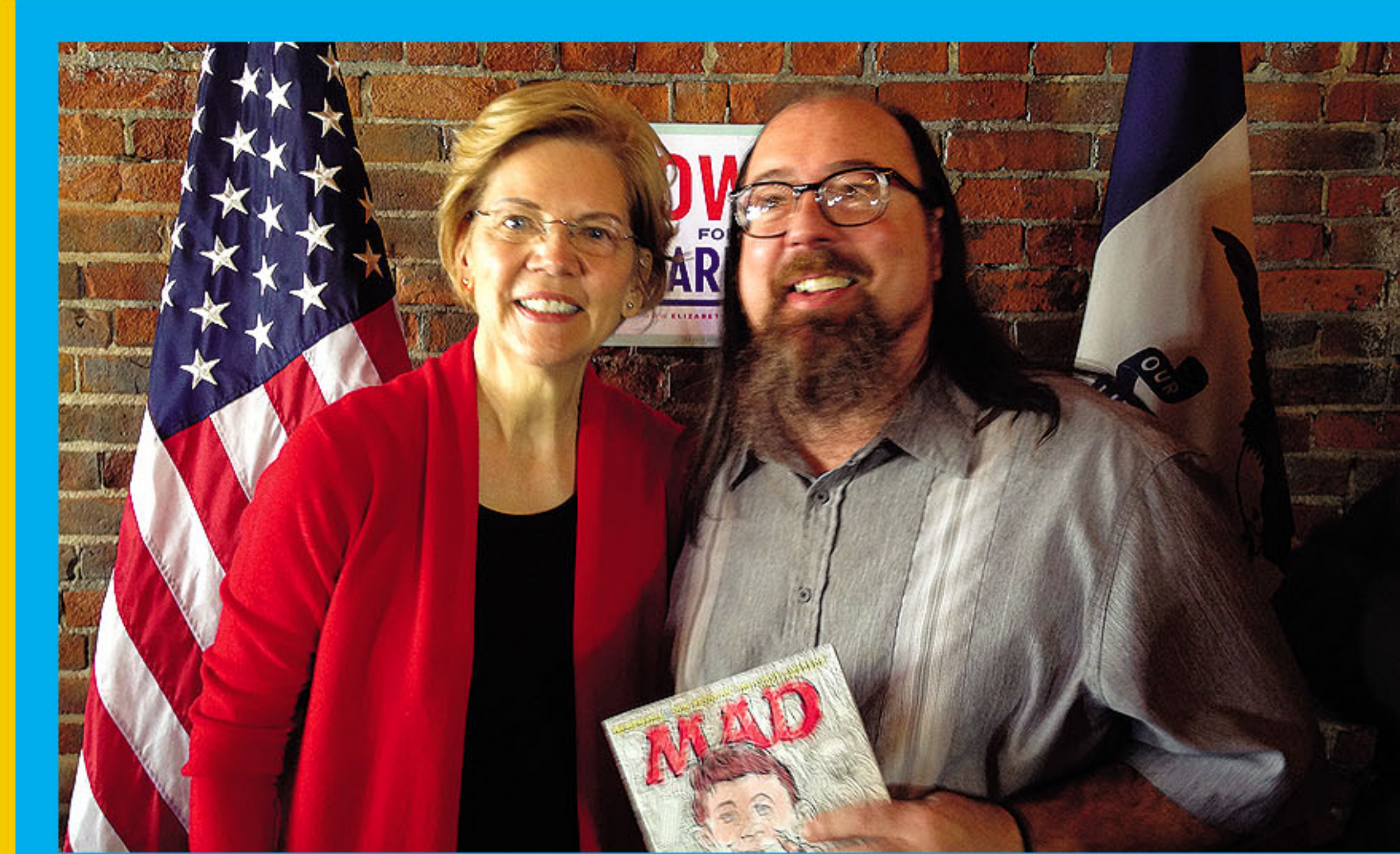
**Mike Dropper**—Thank you for noticing that we merely keep up the tradition of sticking it to the Man. However, don't you

believe in "equal time" for the other side? How else is the Establishment supposed to enjoy this magazine? So, look forward to next issue, in which we pledge to spend our entire page count sticking it to the Half of Congress That Sort of Does Non-Conservative Stuff Sometimes.

—Alex Taffer,  
MAD Intern and  
Chief Letter Answerer



When we found out MAD artist Anton Emdin shared an address with someone named Ziggy Fartdust, we just assumed it was Anton's stage name for his Bowie cover band. But no, it was the name of his roommate, a French bulldog and voracious reader who we will make sure gets his own copy next time.



## ELIZABETH WARNA BROTHER!

On Friday, March 1, Elizabeth Warren visited Dubuque, Iowa (a.k.a. my presidential hopeful hunting ground). Having submitted photos of me holding MAD #535 and MAD #537 with Hillary and what's-his-face respectively, I jumped at the chance to meet Senator Warren. The attached photo is the result of a successful mission.

Sincerely,  
**Brian Neises, Dubuque, IA**

**Neises Pieces**—Thank you for sharing this photo! We are proud to announce, after much vicious in-fighting, your MAD #8 work is the winner of the Brian Neises Photo Submission Primary. We look forward to seeing if it can defeat a photo of what's-his-face in 2020. —AT

## HAIL TO THE THING

DONALD TRUMP

By Leo DeNunzio  
Age 8  
Woodacre, CA



## A LITTLE NOTE

Thank you for your comics I really like them!! P.S. They are great!!

**Leo DeNunzio, Age 8, Woodacre, CA**

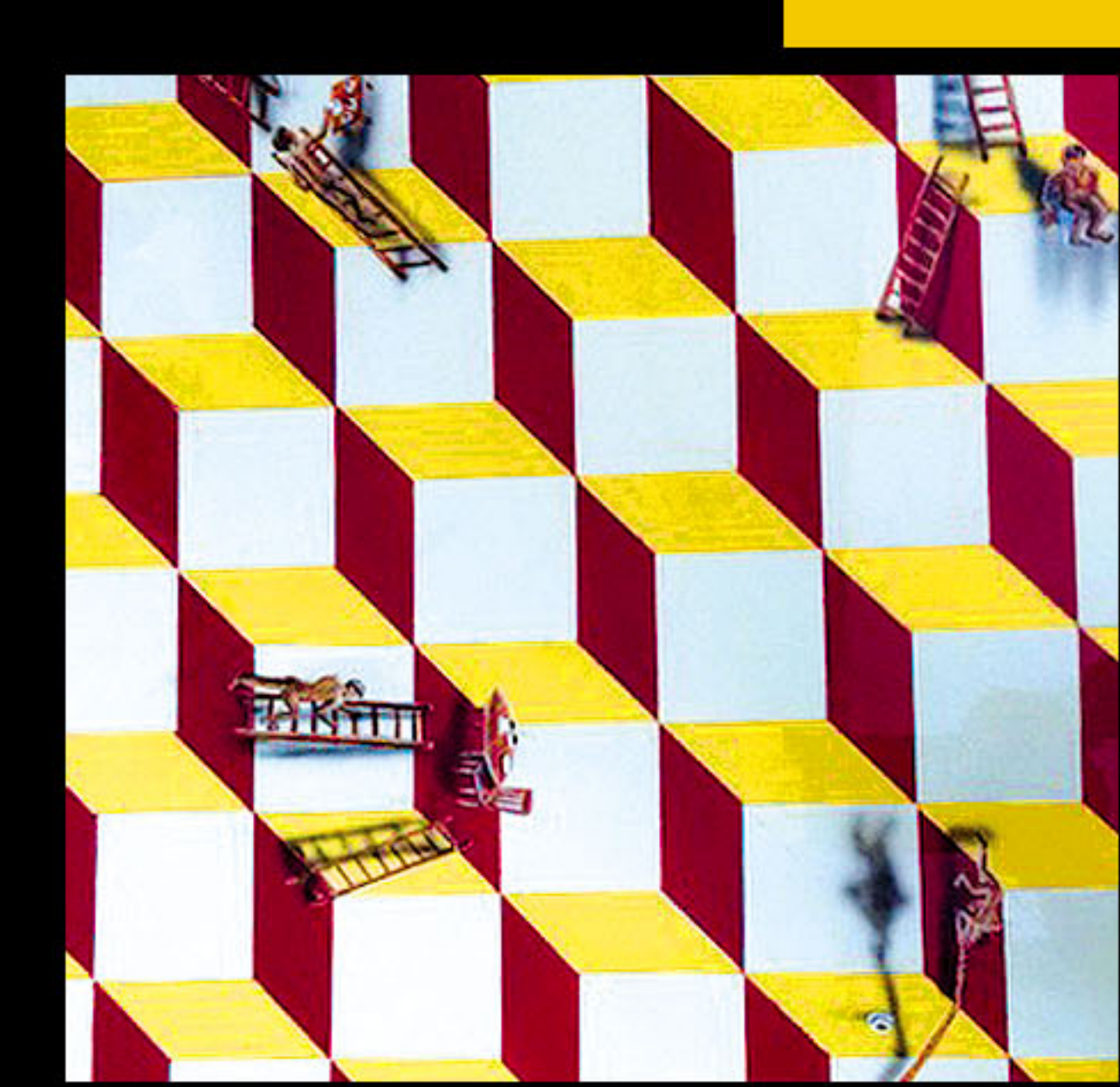
**DeNunzio on the Runzio**—This is a true pièce de résistance. We adore the way the trembling mucous dangles before his puckering, trumpet-like maw. Are you familiar with Picasso's self-portrait from 1972? Your work is even better! Keep it up! —AT

## JERRY'S VERDICT

Aloha MAD guys, What a surprise I had when I opened my April subscription. I love the cover! It is just like a tabletop I did in 2016. I hope you enjoy my artwork as much as I enjoy your magazine.

**Jerry McGregor Kamuela, HI**

**Jigsaw Jerry**—Wow, Jerry! We love that you and M. Wartella shared the same cube-iful inspiration. We're sure some people try to tell you it's an M.C. Escher-like tessellation, but you and I both know that this is an homage to '80s video game icon Q\*bert. You caught all the Easter eggs we included, right? Like the purple snake and the purple pig thing we hid in the cover? So glad you really get us. —AT



## ILLUMINAUGHTY

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**ALFRED E. NEUMAN FOR PRESIDENT**

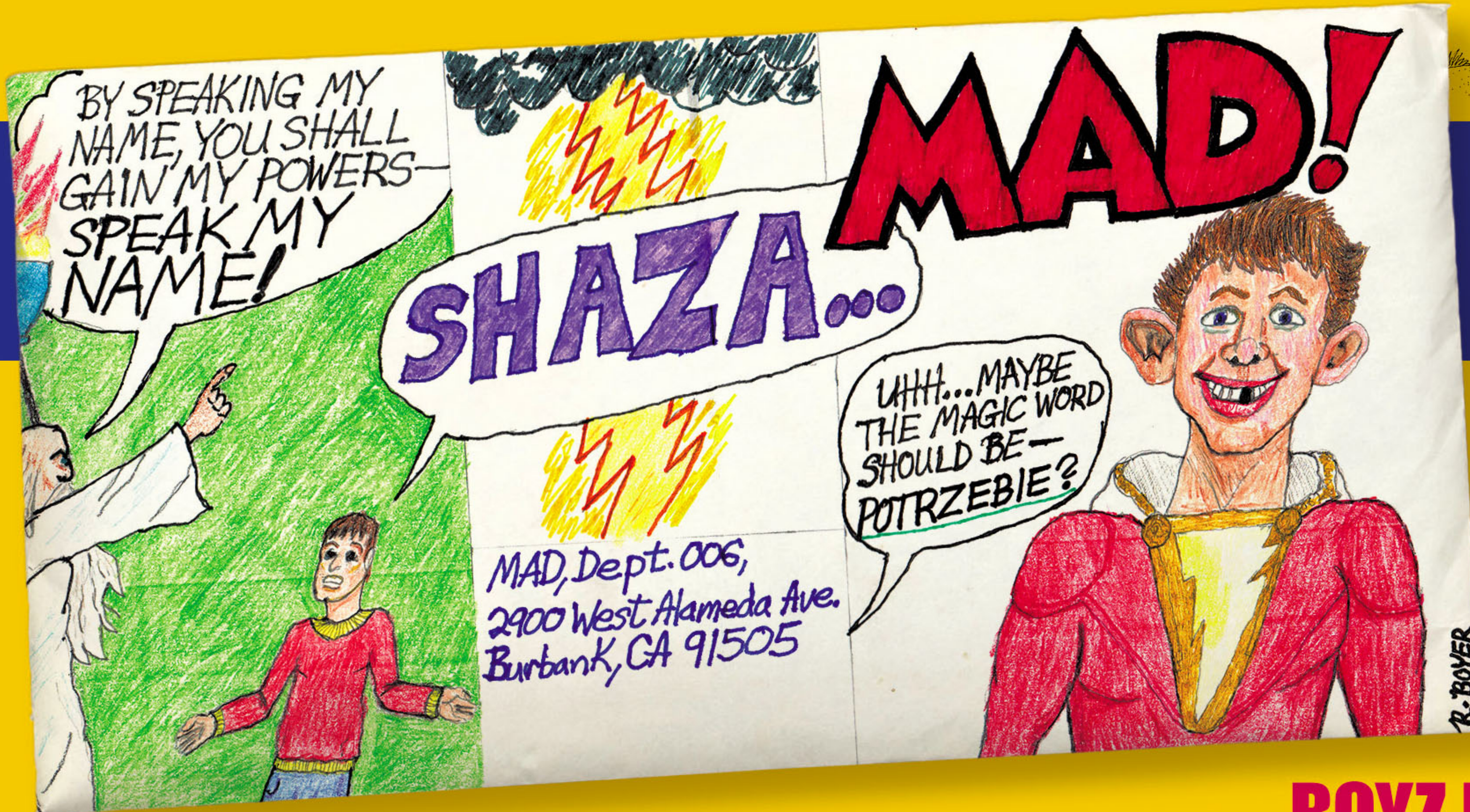


Been a fan of MAD Magazine for a while now. Saw this poster at my high school and thought of you guys. I don't understand why "illuminati" is taped over Alfred's eye like that. On the bright side, at least I know who I will be voting for in the 2020 election!

**Bryce Maddox  
Atlantis, FL**

**Brycecakes**—We're happy to clue you in. The reason someone surrounded Alfred's eye with the word "illuminati" is that Alfred's eye was used to create the symbolic Eye of Providence when the real-life Alfred E. Neuman founded the Freemasons in 1717. We hope this answers all your questions! —AT





## ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

There's lots of chatter about which Captain Marvel is the best, but we think we prefer this one as drawn by

**Randy Boyer**

of St. Augustine, Florida. Note the rippling muscles you always knew Alfred had, but which we were too bashful to draw ourselves.

## BOYZ II GROWN-ASS MEN

Dear MAD,

I look forward to reading your magazine every month. I wish you guys would make fun of boy bands, like New Kids on the Block. They are, like, 50-year-old dudes singing cheesy songs. If you don't have much time to do stuff like that, could you please reprint some stuff from your older issues when you made fun of them? Thanks!

**Harjinder Kalkat, BC, Canada**

**Kalkat's Pajamas**—Make fun of New Kids on the Block? But, why? They had a bunch of hits, and Chinese food makes us sick. We also find it fly when girls wearing Abercrombie and Fitch stop by for the summer. Now that you know where we stand on this, we can pack up for the day. We have tickets for the Backstreet Boys' DNA World Tour tonight, and don't want to miss the opener. It's Hanson! \*SQUEEEE\* —AT

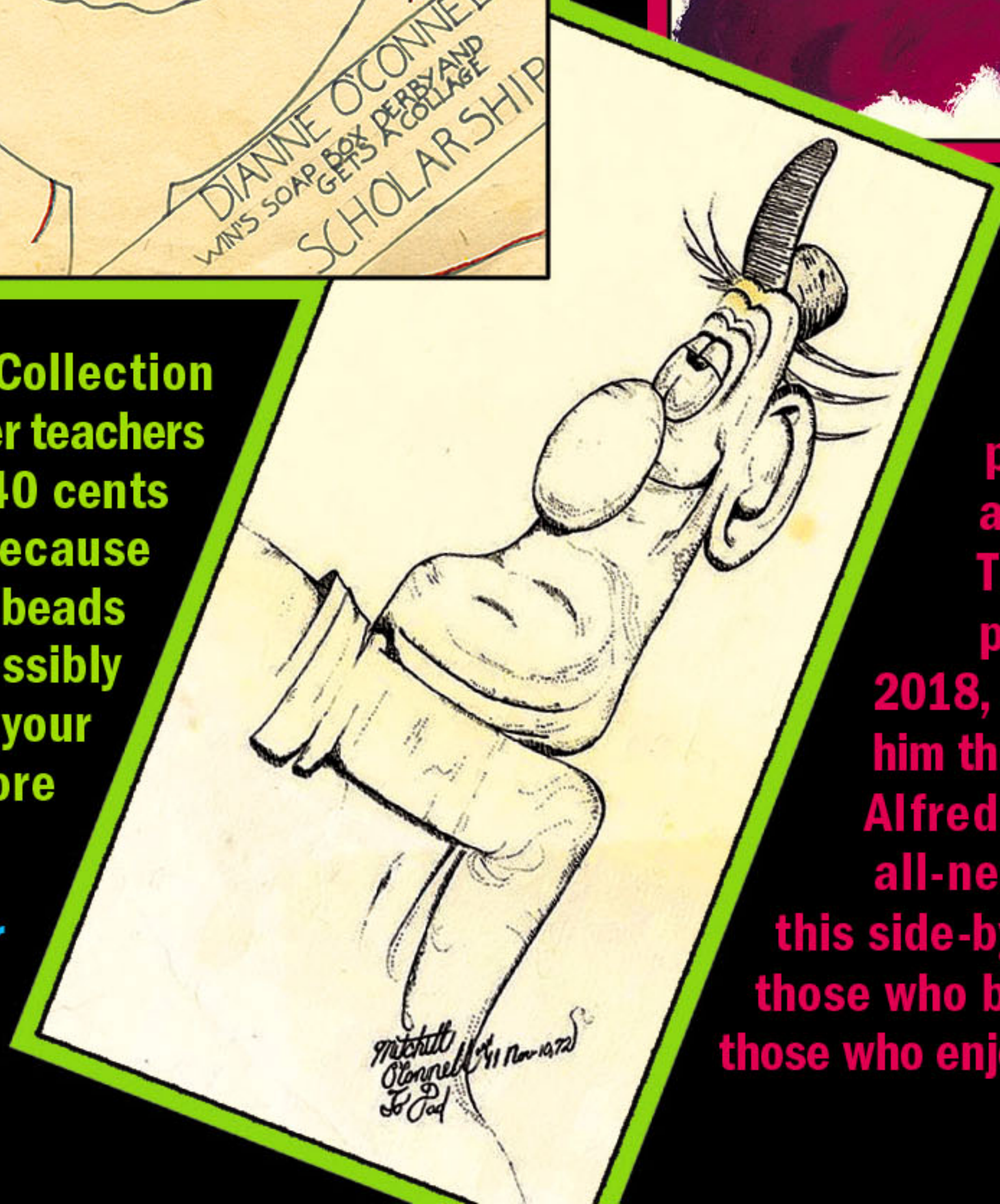
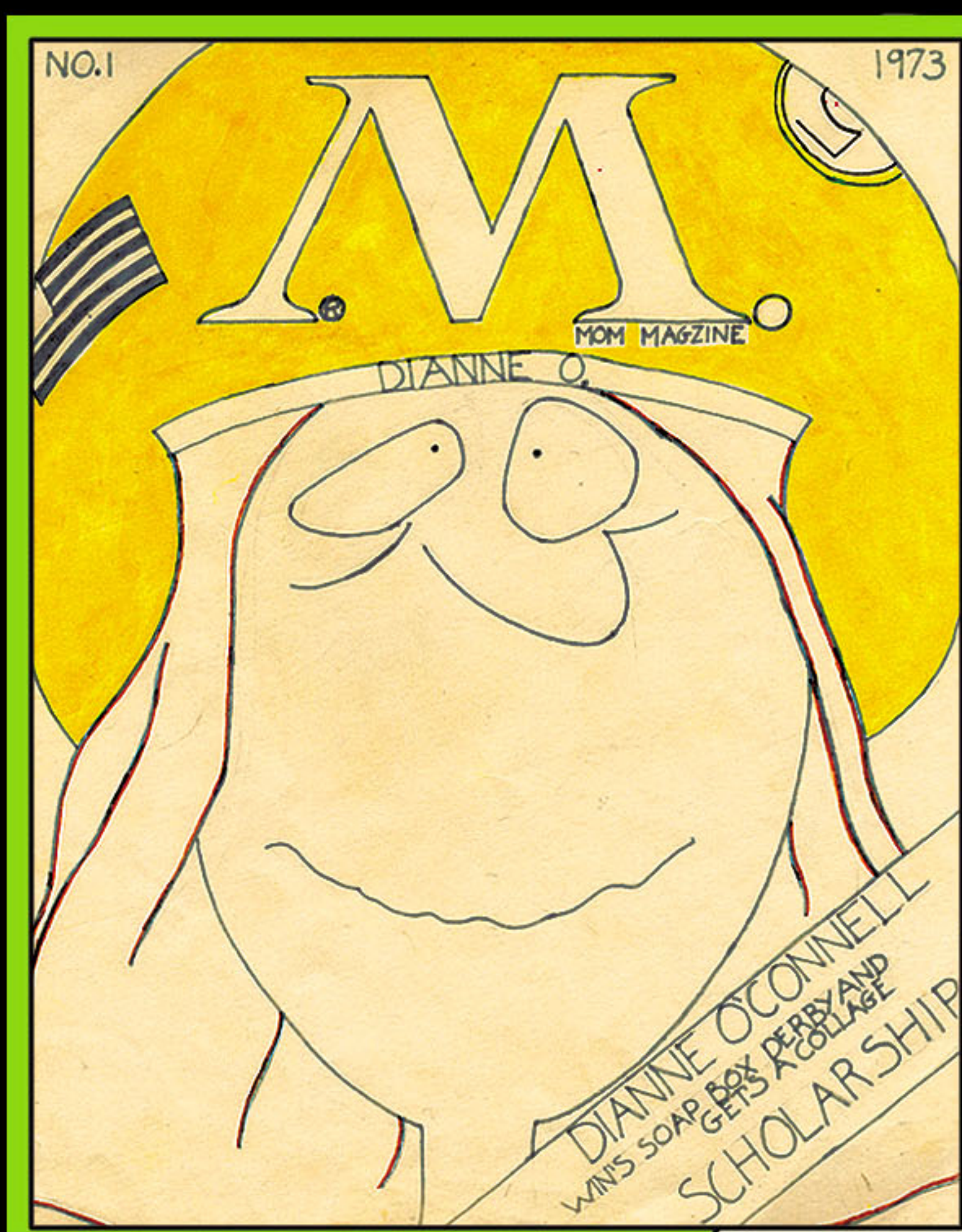
# THE USUAL GANG OF KIDIOTS

Two MAD contributing artists, **Mitch O'Connell** and **Jason Edmiston**, recently unearthed these relics of ridiculousness past and shared them with us, so we're dedicating a corner of our letters section to them!

**Mitch**, the Prince of Pop Art, drew this caricature of the Queen of Pop Art, Dianne (his mom, in the common parlance) for "Mom Magazine" in 1973. We assume she is wearing a helmet not for the soapbox derby referenced in the bottom right, but because of a misbehaving prince who threw his toys.

**In Mitch's words...** From Paul Coker to Don Martin, I learned a huge percentage of what I do now from MAD, memorizing every ink line and brushstroke held between those two staples. Like the student who sets up an easel to copy a Rembrandt in MoMA, I would swipe away in my ruled school composition book instead of paying attention in algebra. "The Usual Gang of Idiots" are of course "The Greatest Collection of Comic Book Masters Ever Assembled," and what better teachers could a 10-year-old like myself ask for? Tuition was 40 cents an issue at the School of Sweat, Snot, and Vomit, because the dissertation was always of a sad sack with sweat beads popping off his head, a big drip of snot hanging impossibly long from his nose, all while vomiting the contents of your mom's shopping list. Note: Don't make the sophomore mistake of forgetting the fish skeleton in the barf!

O'Connell drew this Don Martin tribute at the tender young age of 11, when he was barely old enough to POP-SPROING-GING-PFFFT-FRACK.



At age 13,  
**Jason**

painted this portrait of Alfred as a class assignment. Then one day, in the predestined year of 2018, the muses presented him the opportunity to paint Alfred on the cover of the all-new MAD #1. We offer this side-by-side comparison for those who believe in fate, and for those who enjoy purple synchronicity.







# MeaNwHile...

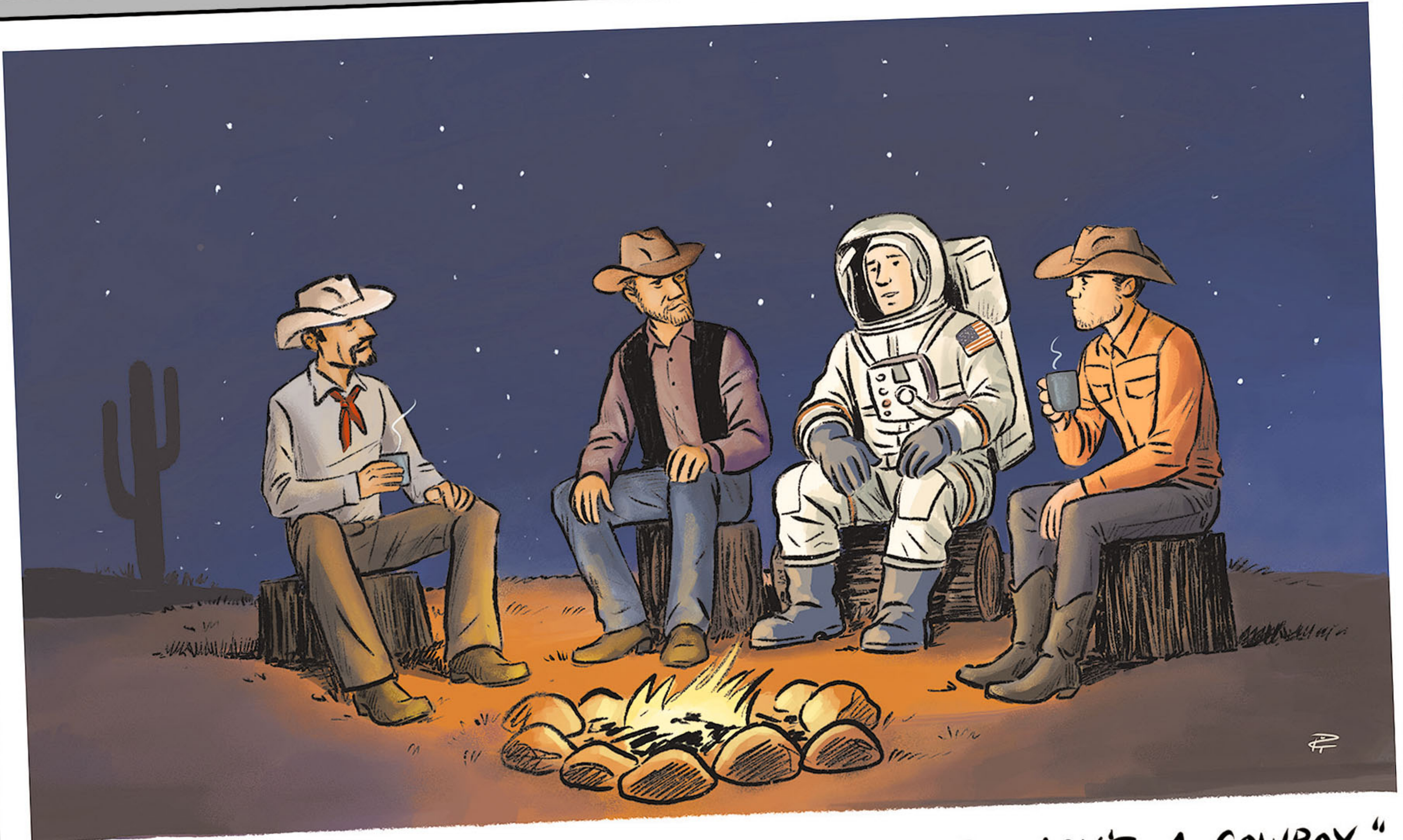
WRITER IAN BOOTHBY  
ARTIST PIA GUERRA



"I'VE JUST NEVER BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT THE IDEA OF A HIGHER POWER."



"What if his baby, honey, and ragtime gal were three different women?"



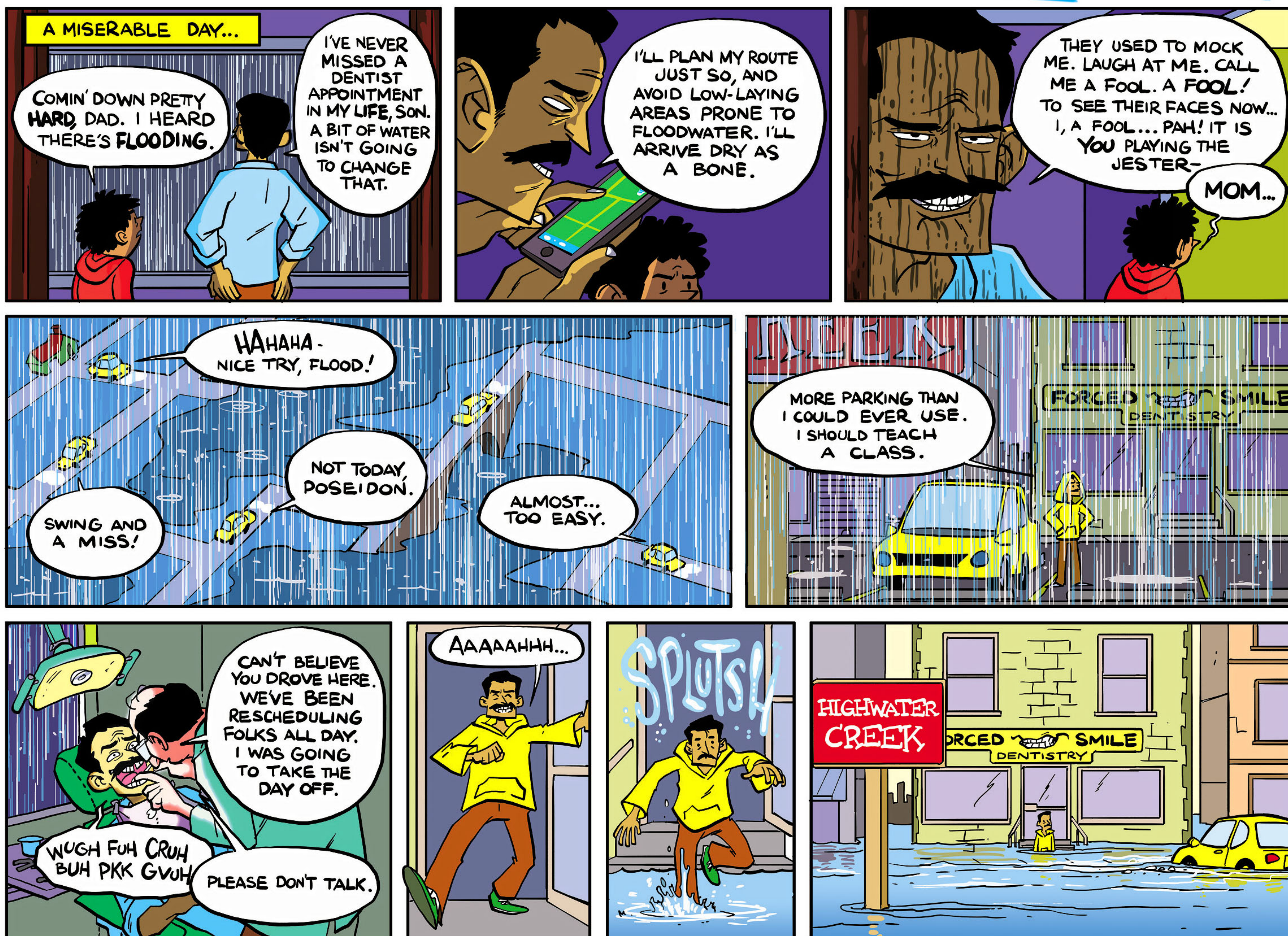
"I THINK DEEP DOWN, I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN I WASN'T A COWBOY."





Sometimes it's not enough for us to have your fan mail—we also want your SOUL. Well, we finally figured out a way to take that from you: Just send us a true story about something STUPID you actually did, and acclaimed cartoonist **Mike Holmes** might make it into a comic strip! It's...

# REAL, DUMB

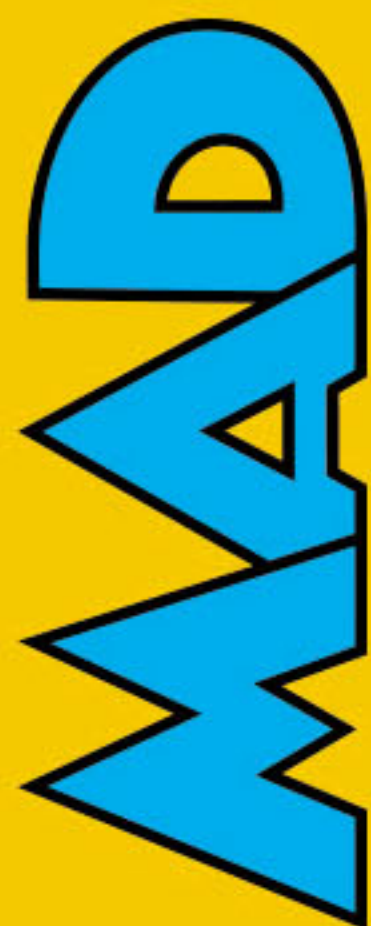


This issue's story submitted by **Dave Griffith**

**Have a real, dumb story that happened to you? Want to share your shame with the world by having it illustrated in MAD? Write it up and send it to [realdumb@madmagazine.com](mailto:realdumb@madmagazine.com)! If it's dumb enough, we'll make it into a comic!**

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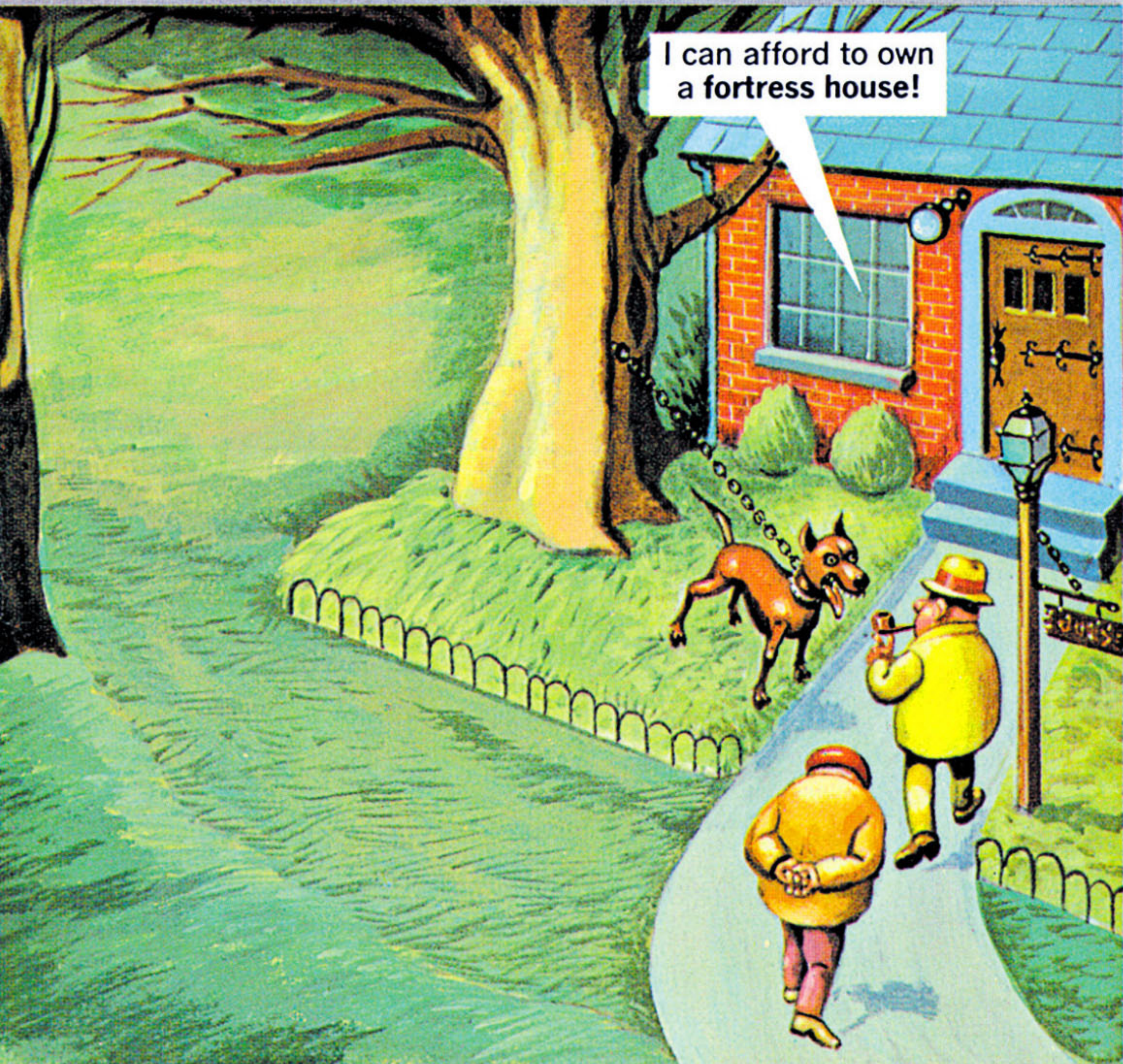
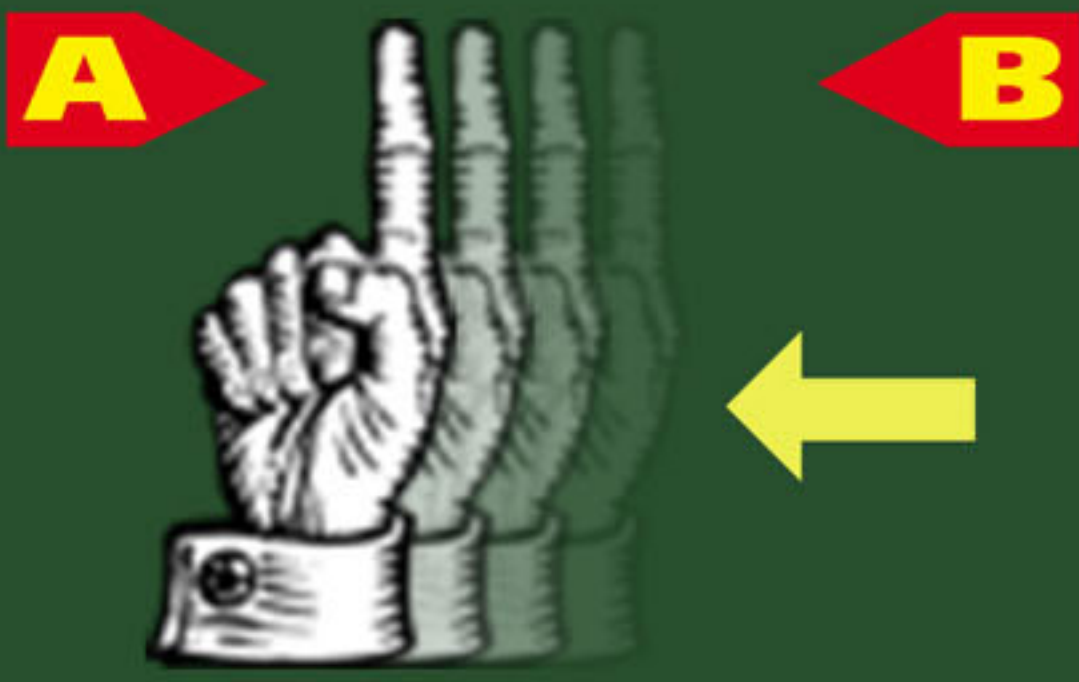
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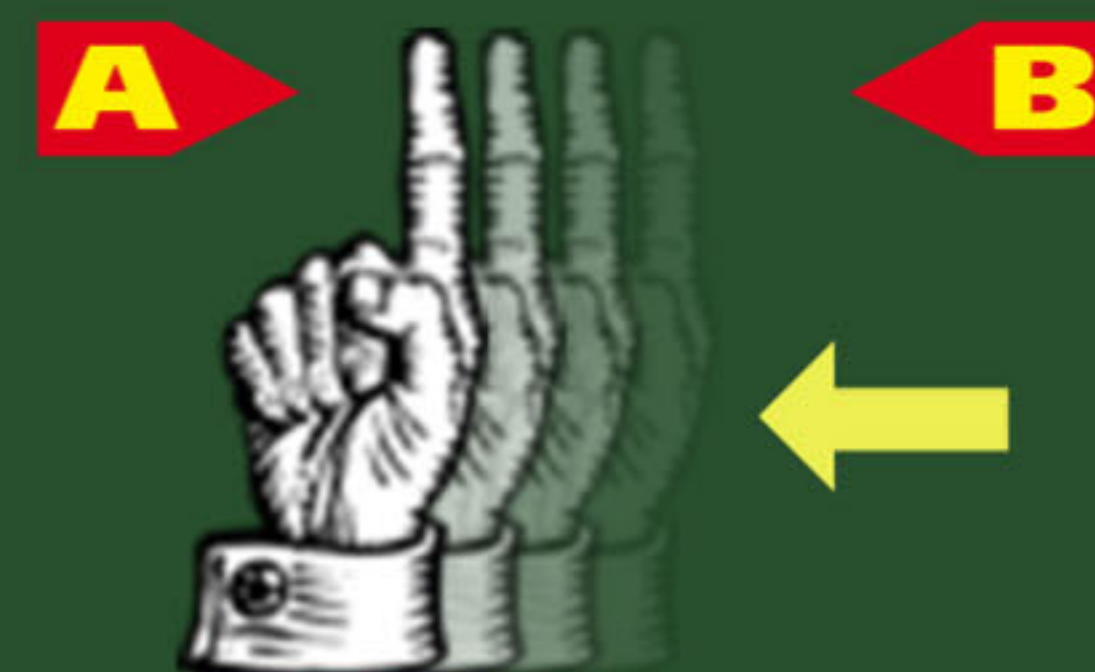


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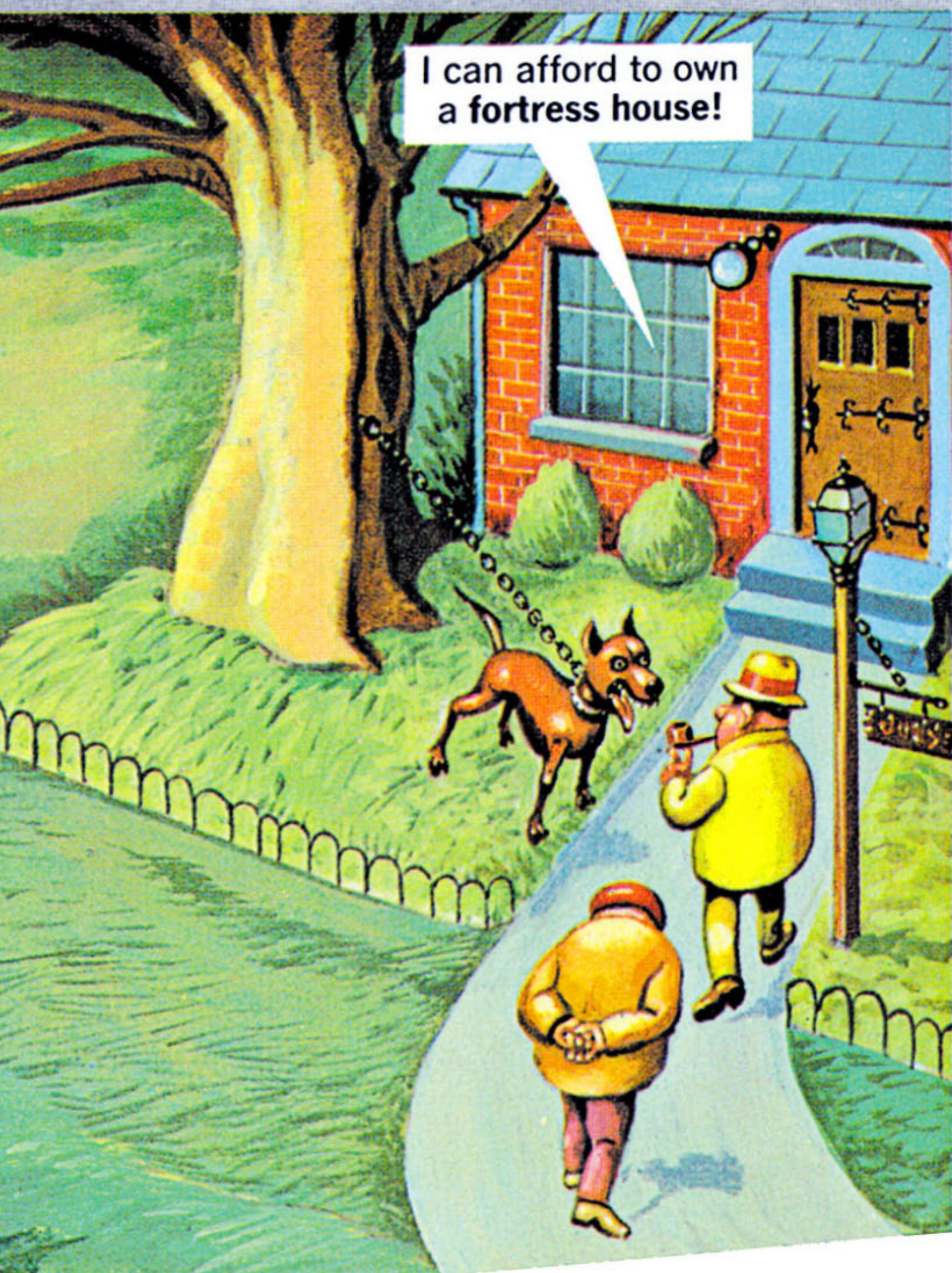
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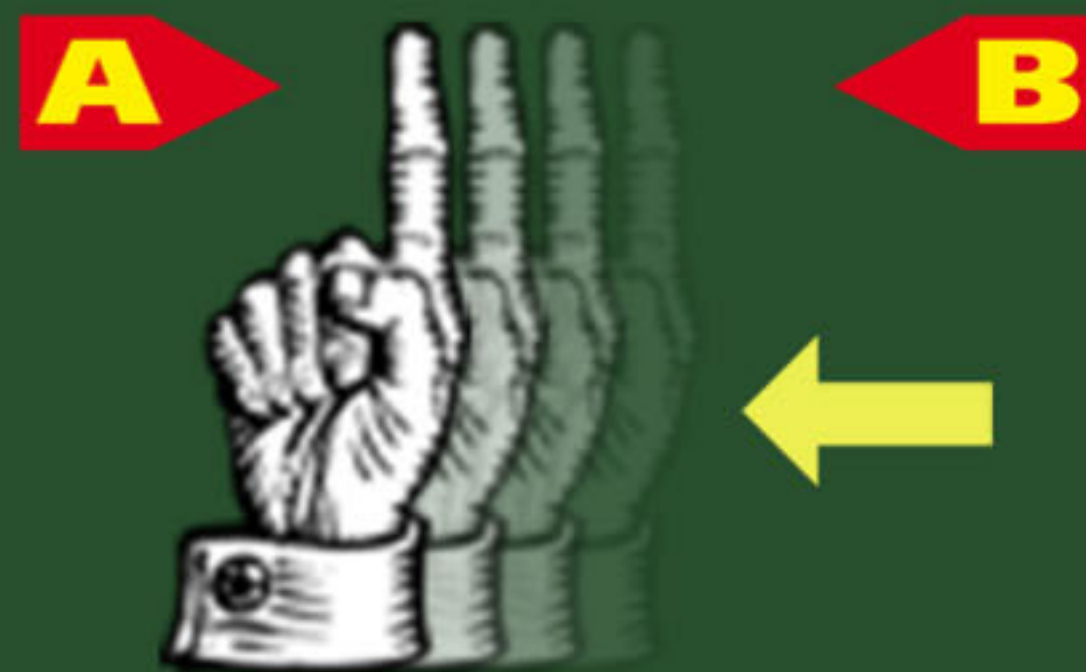
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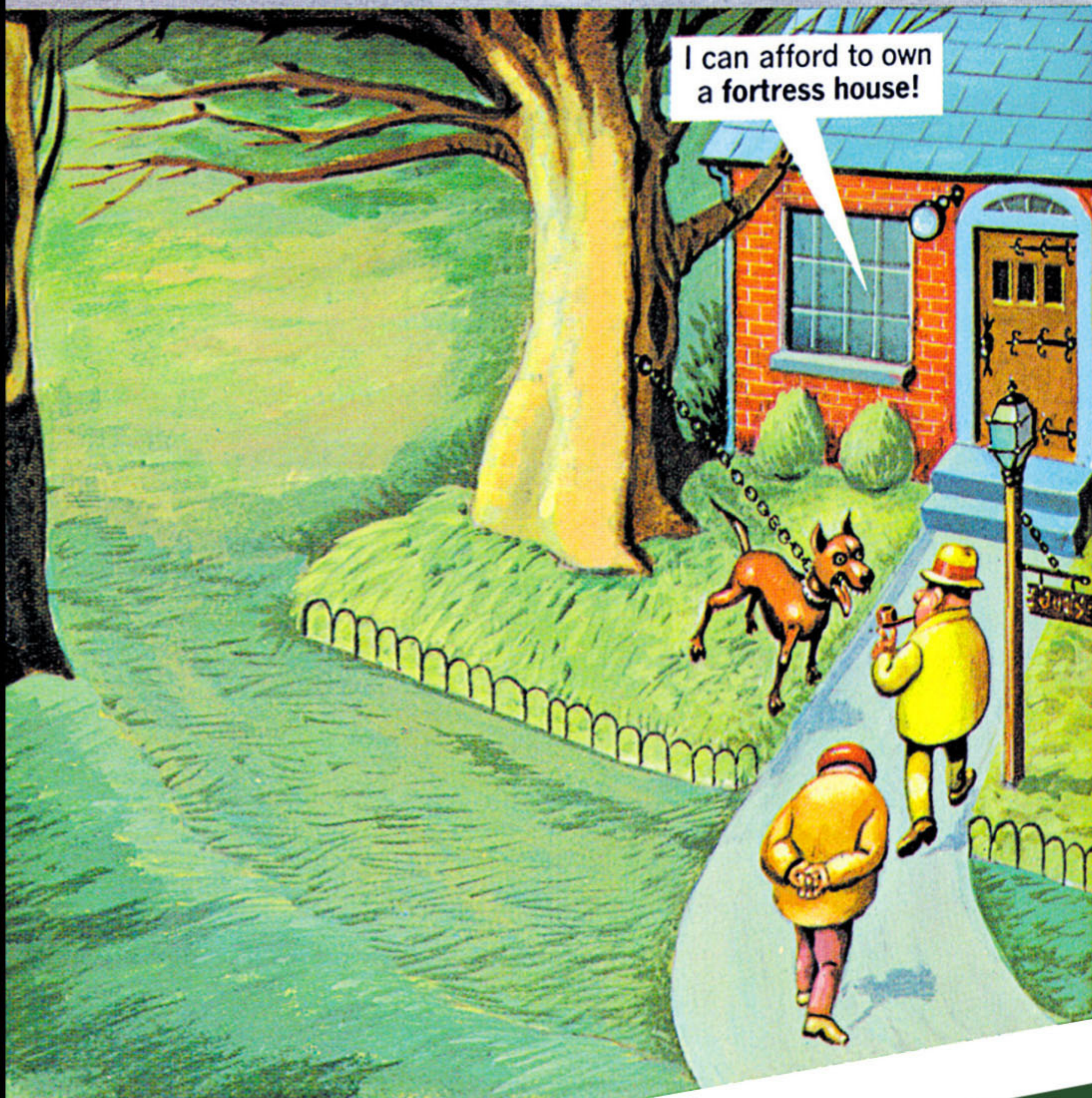
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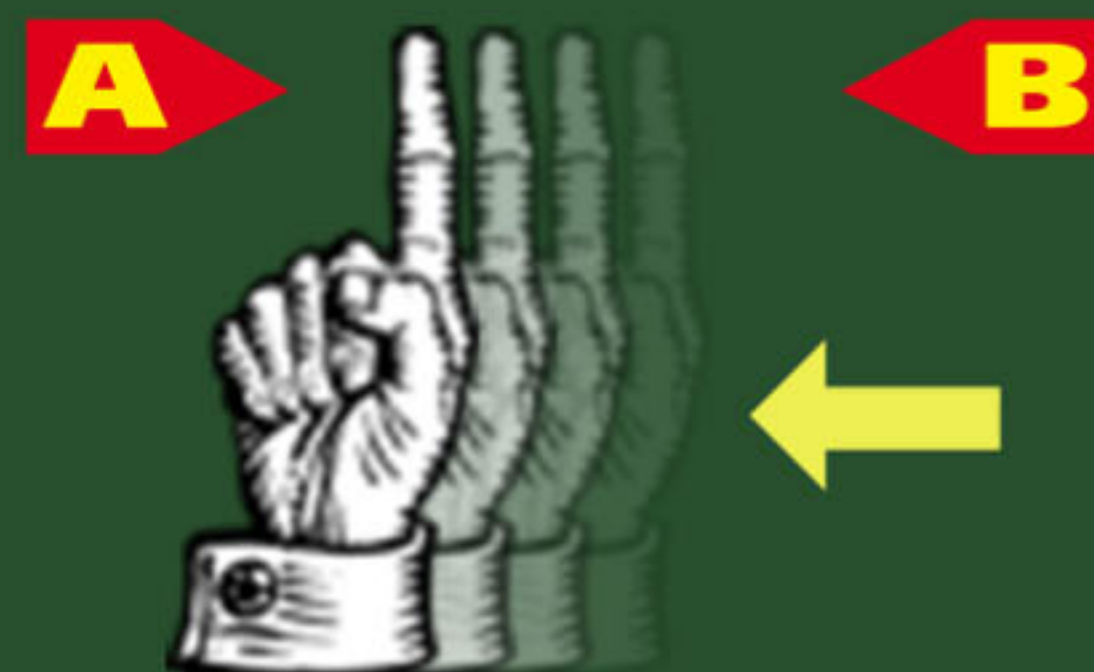


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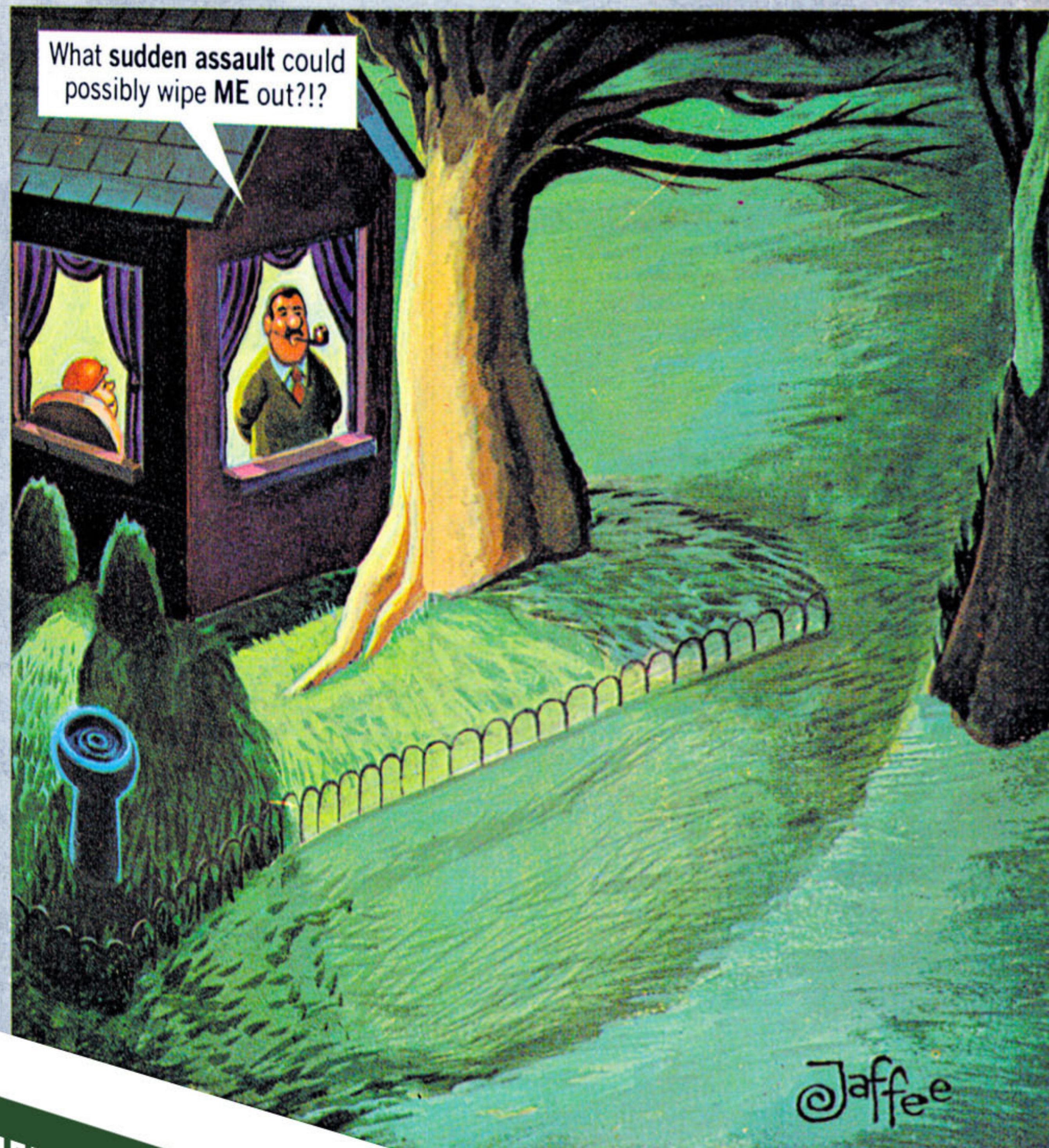
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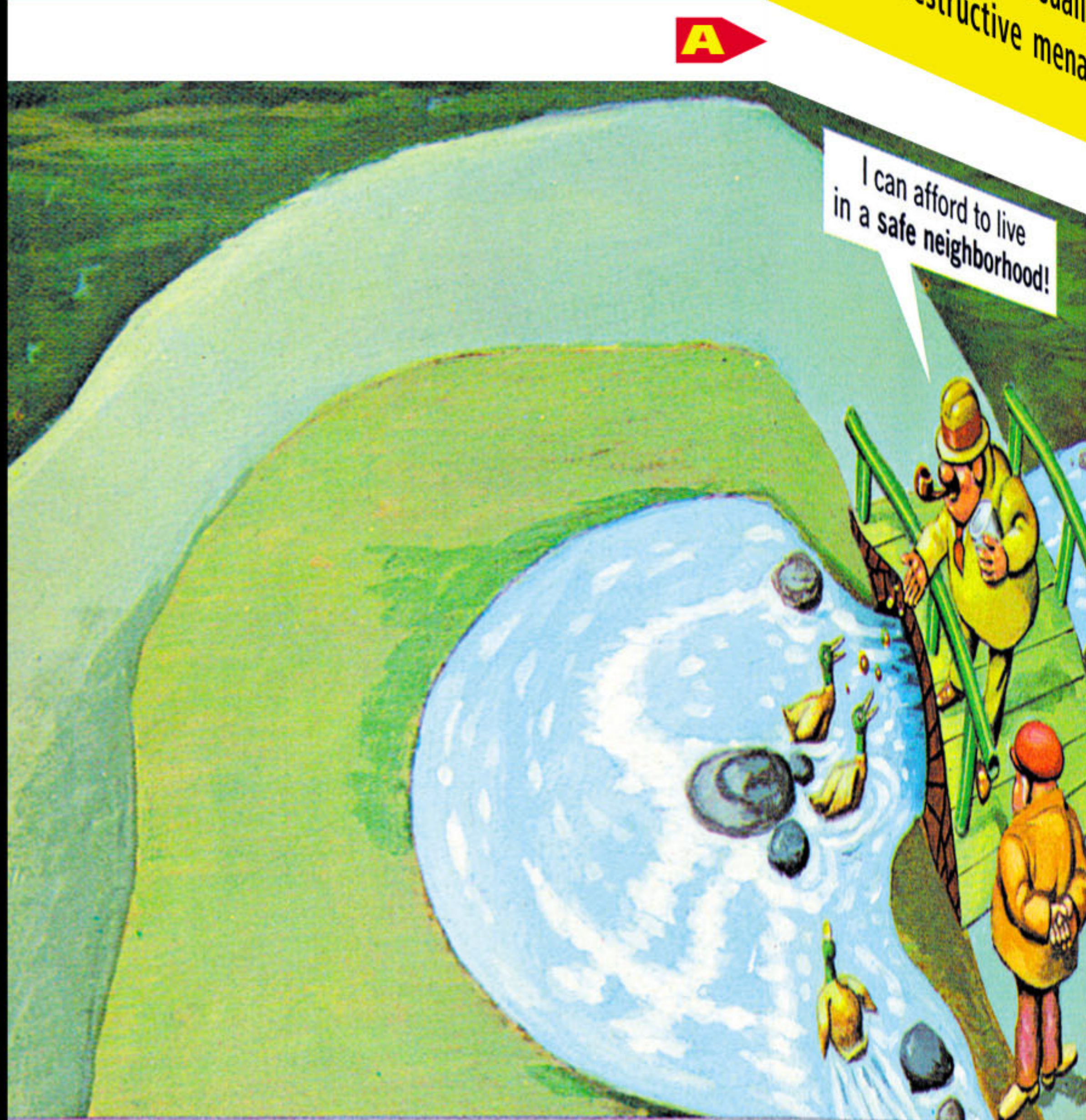
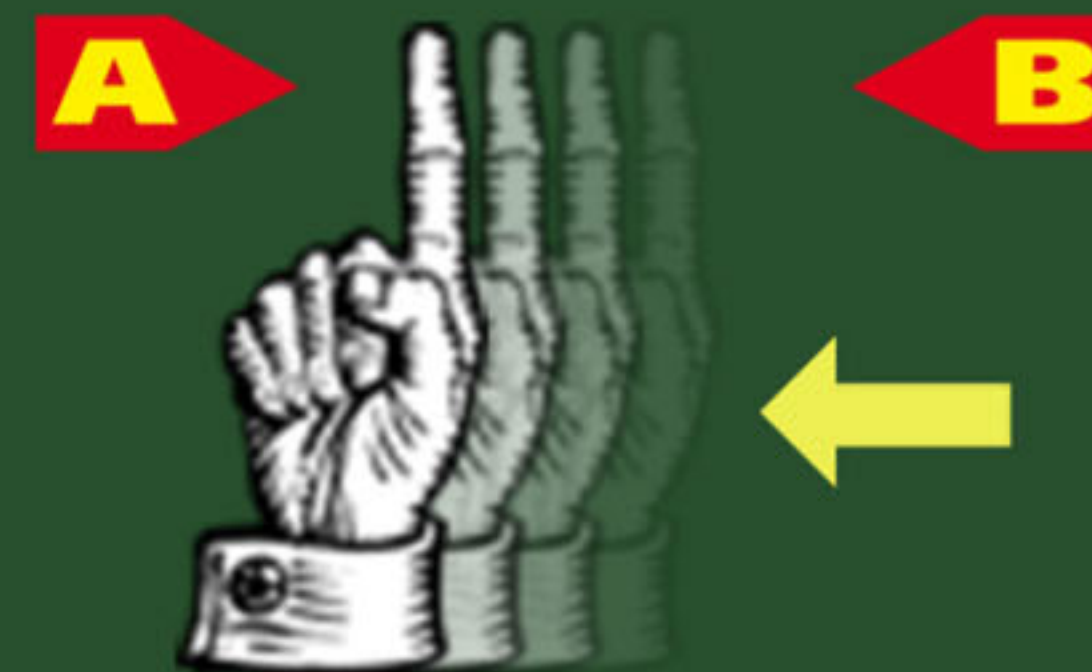
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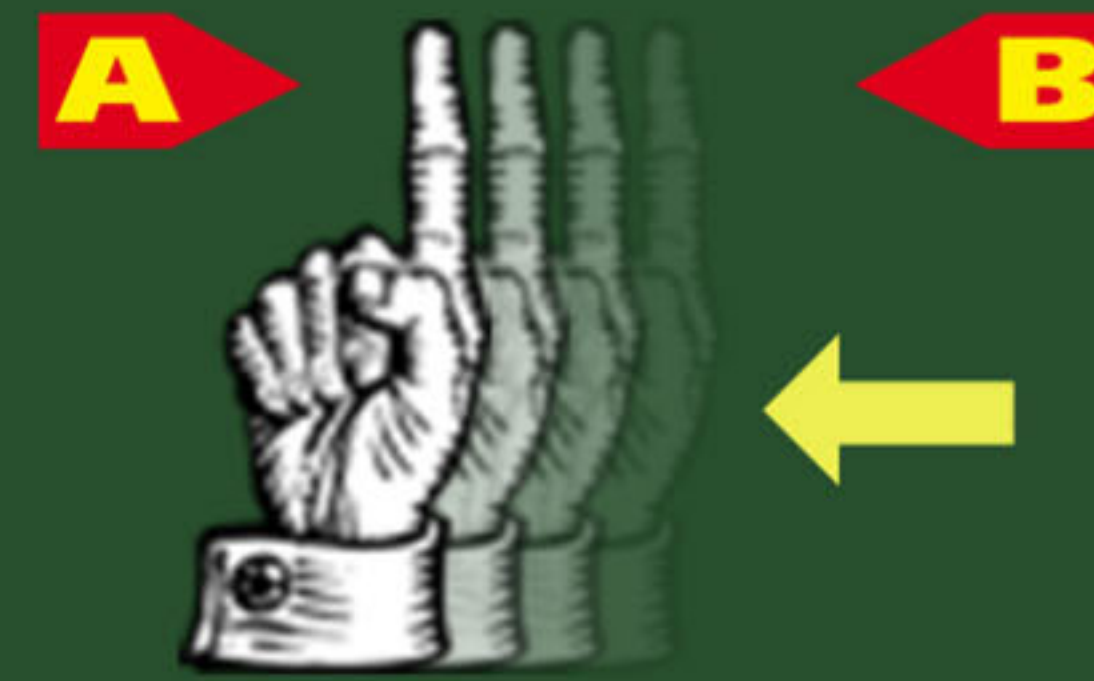
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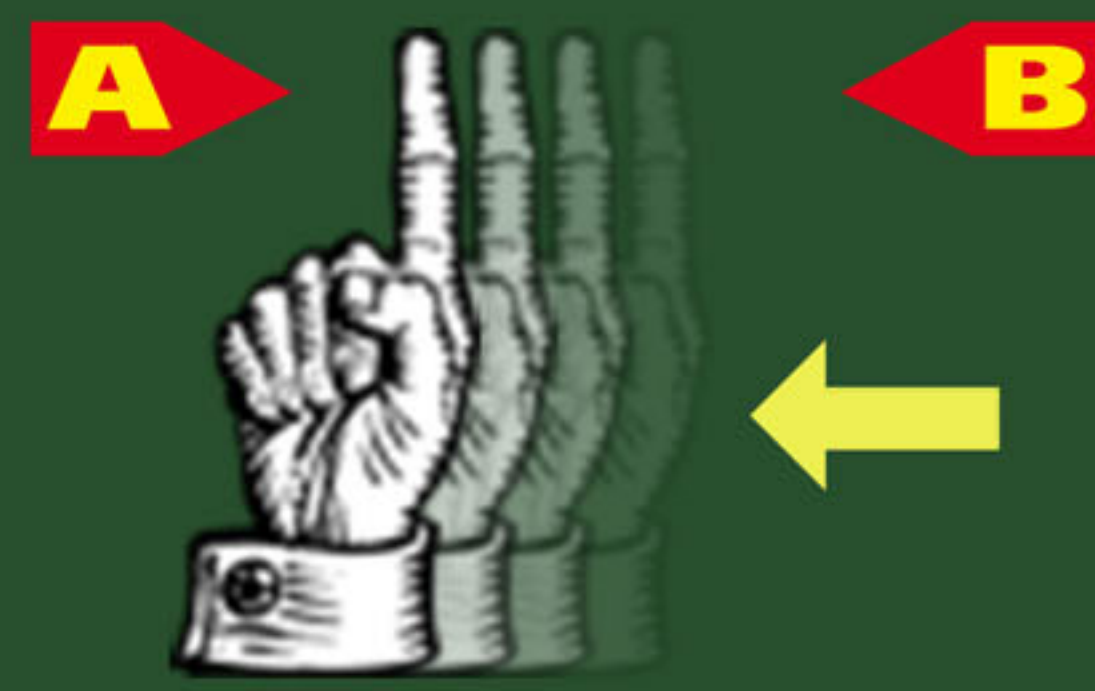
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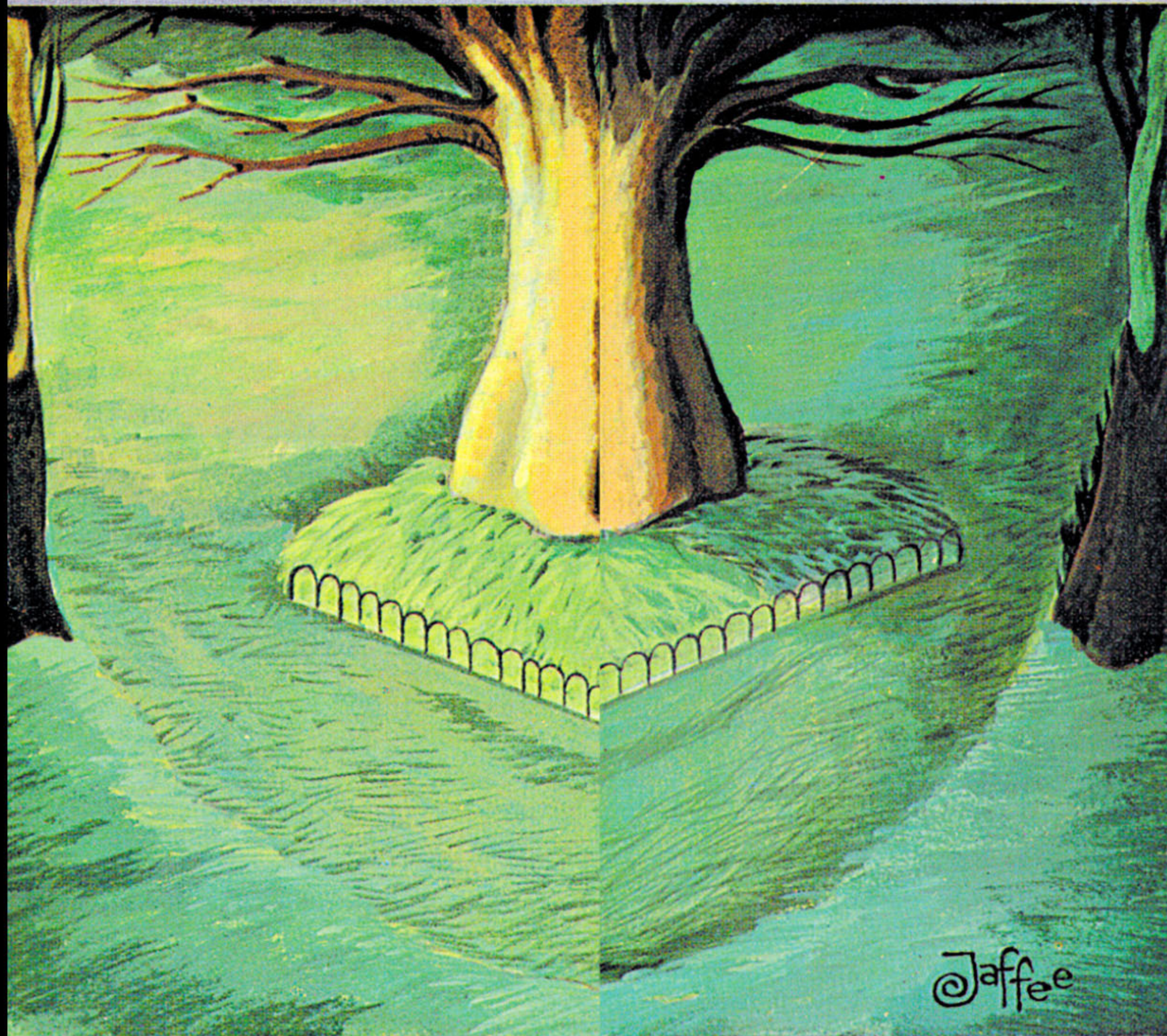


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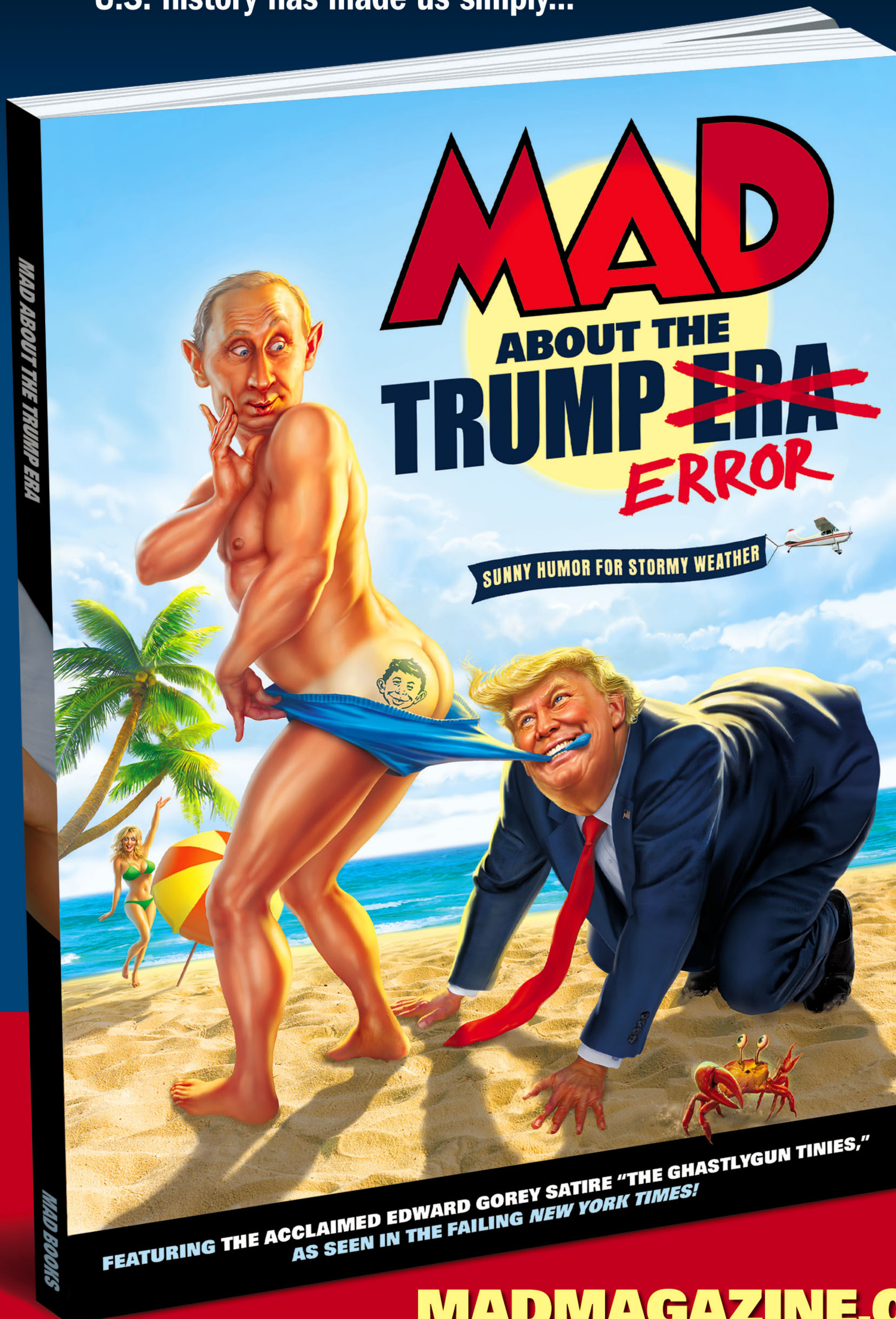
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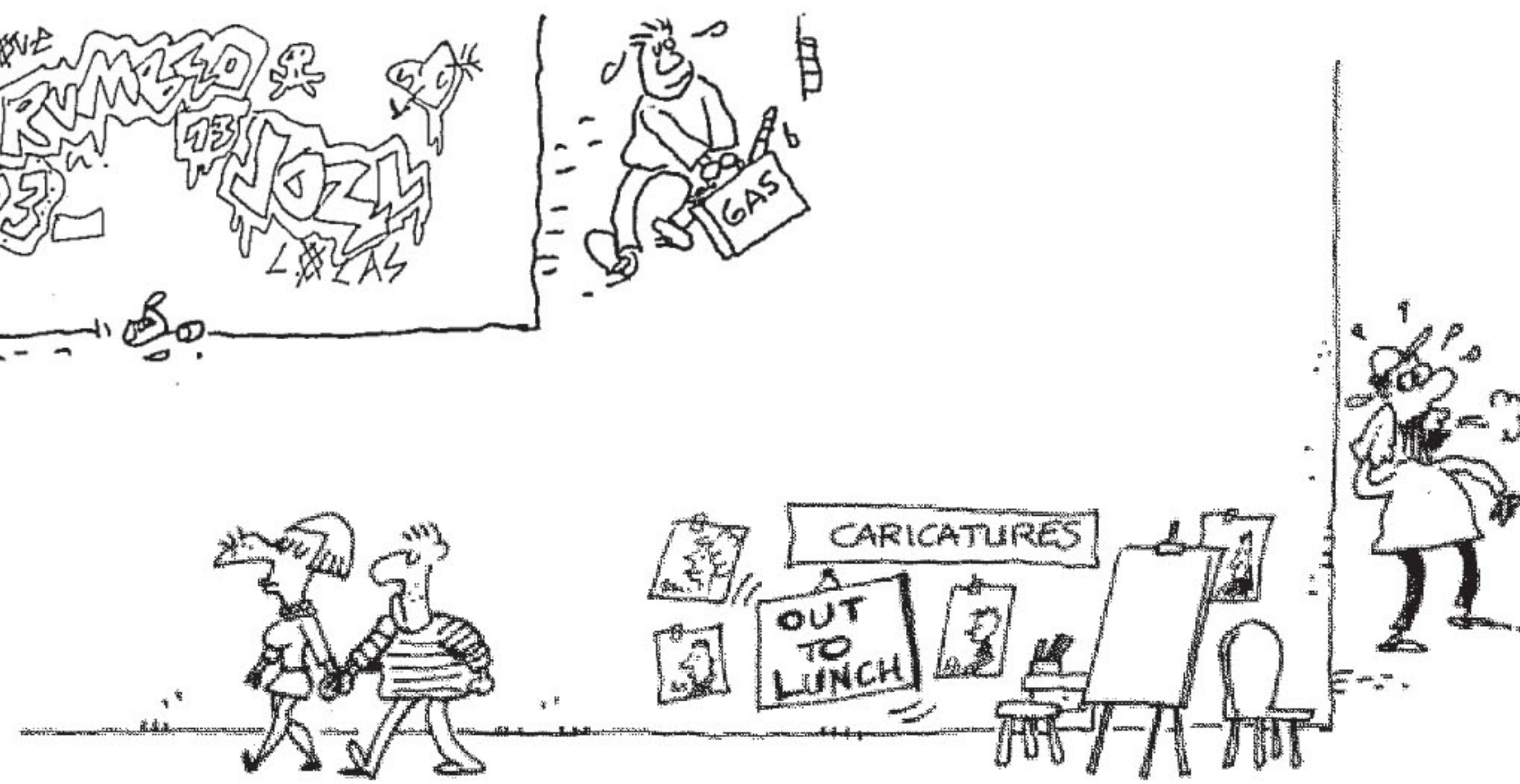
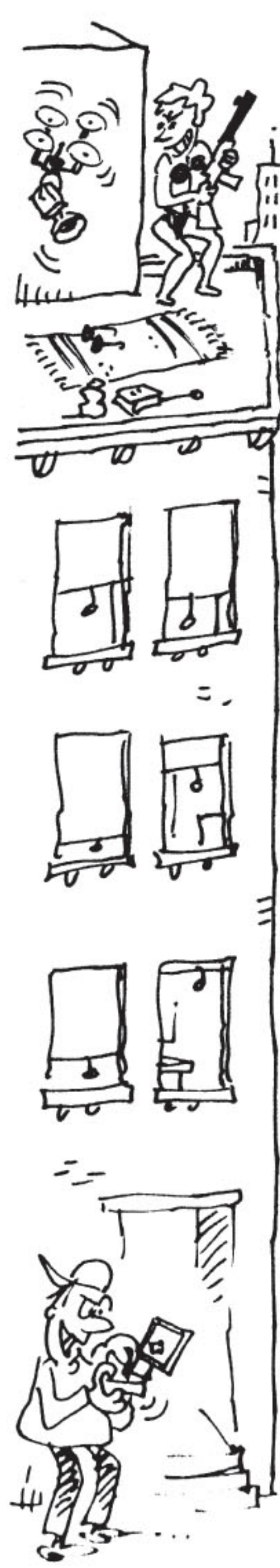
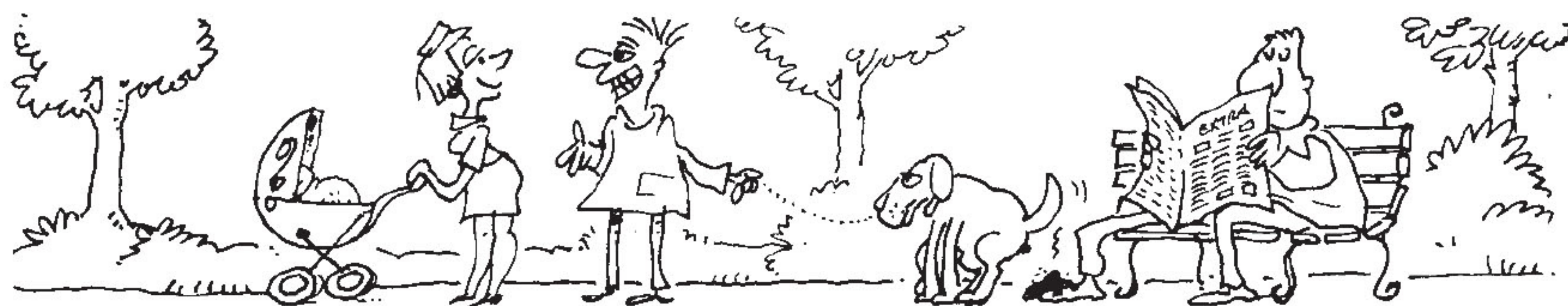
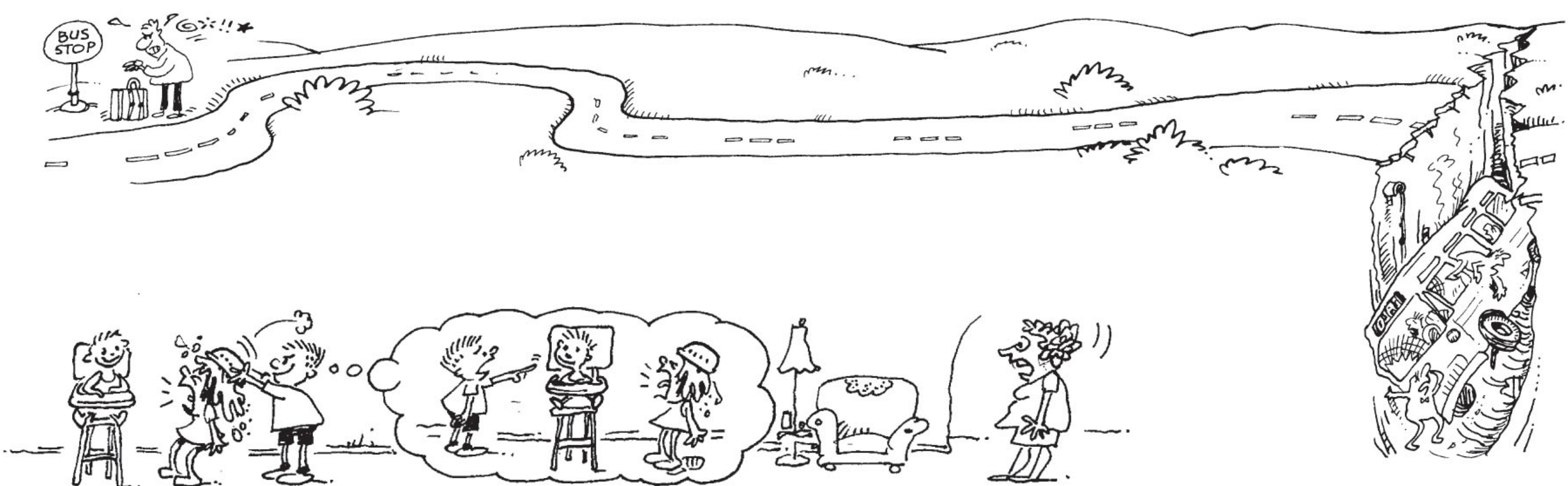
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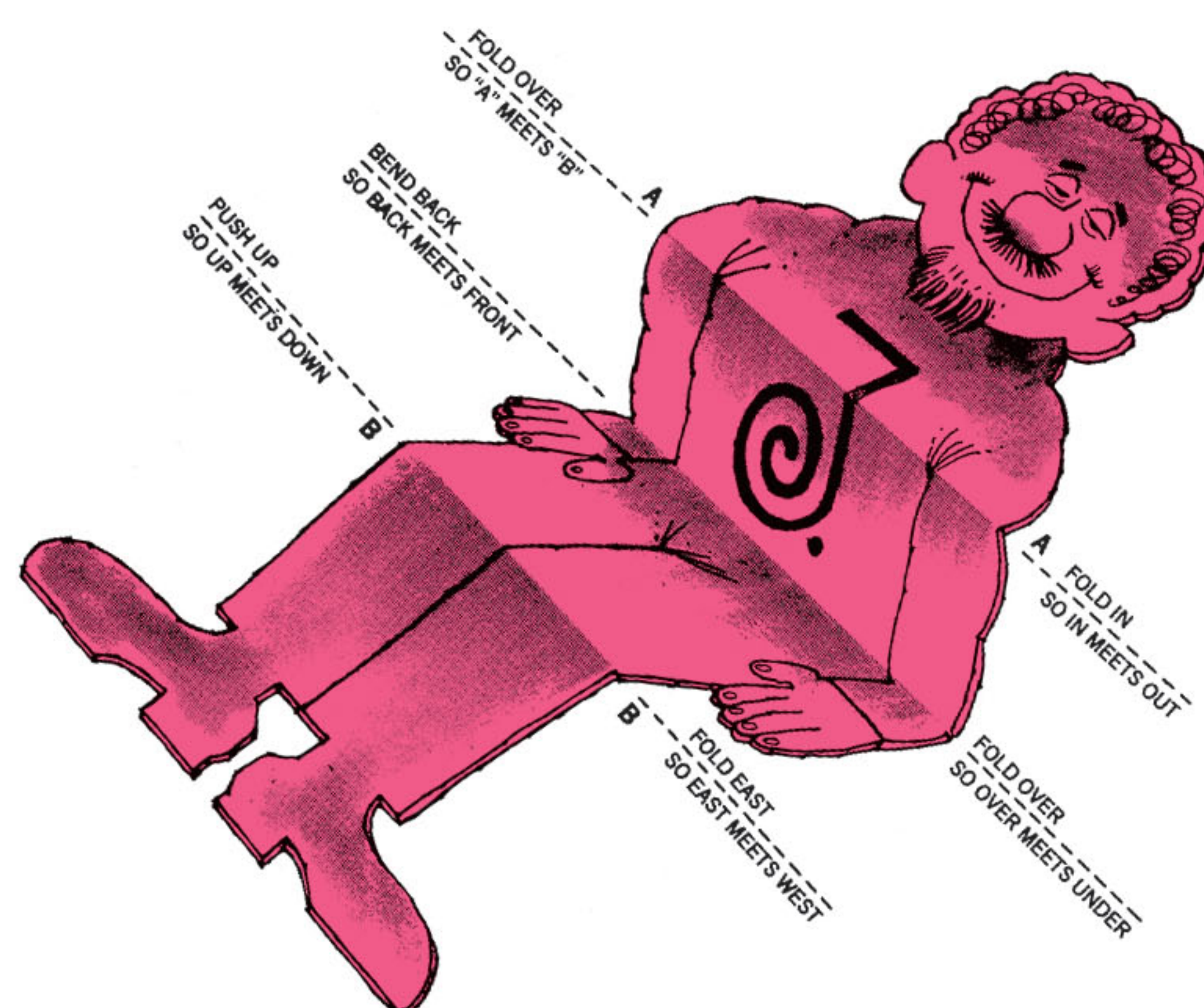
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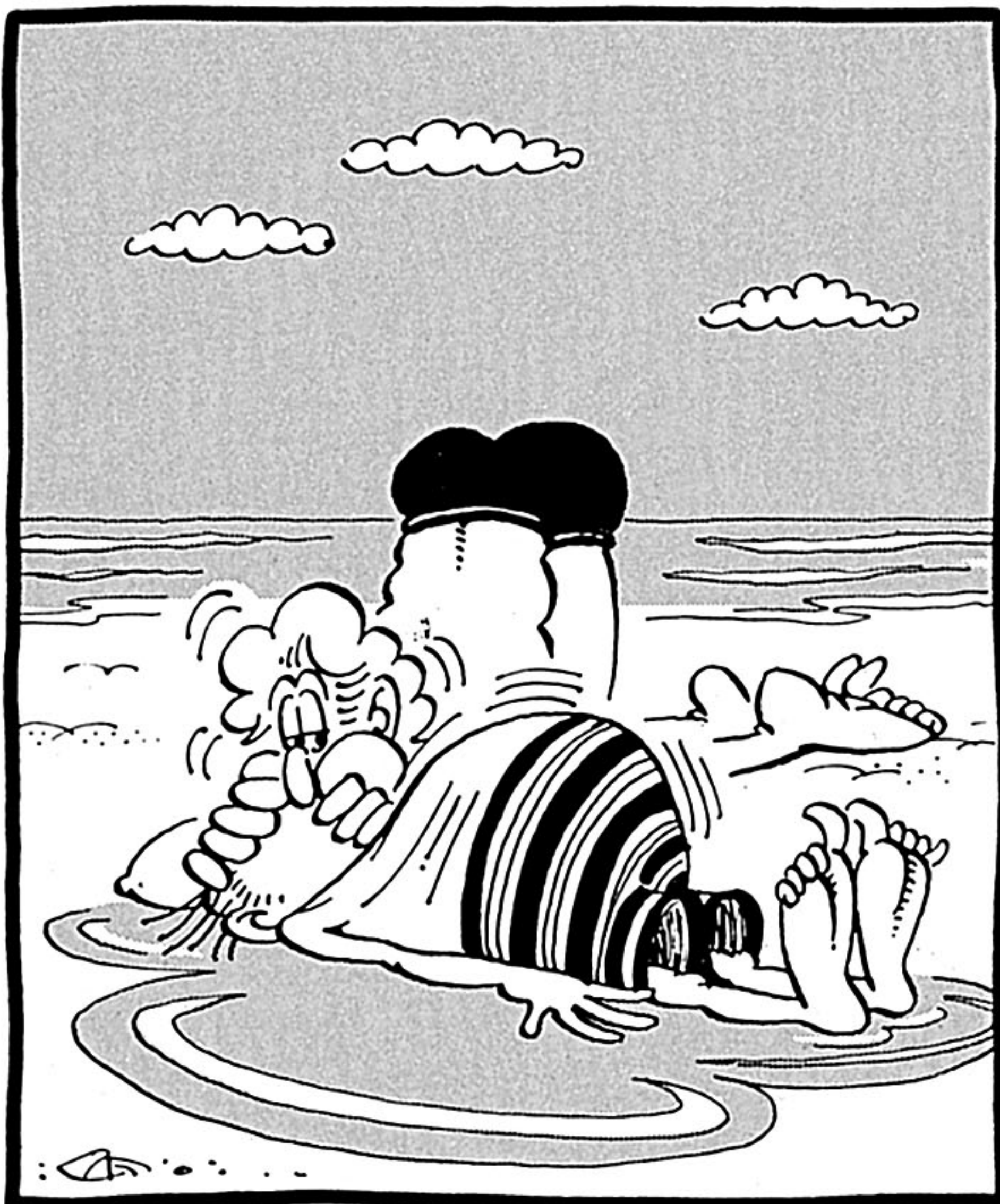
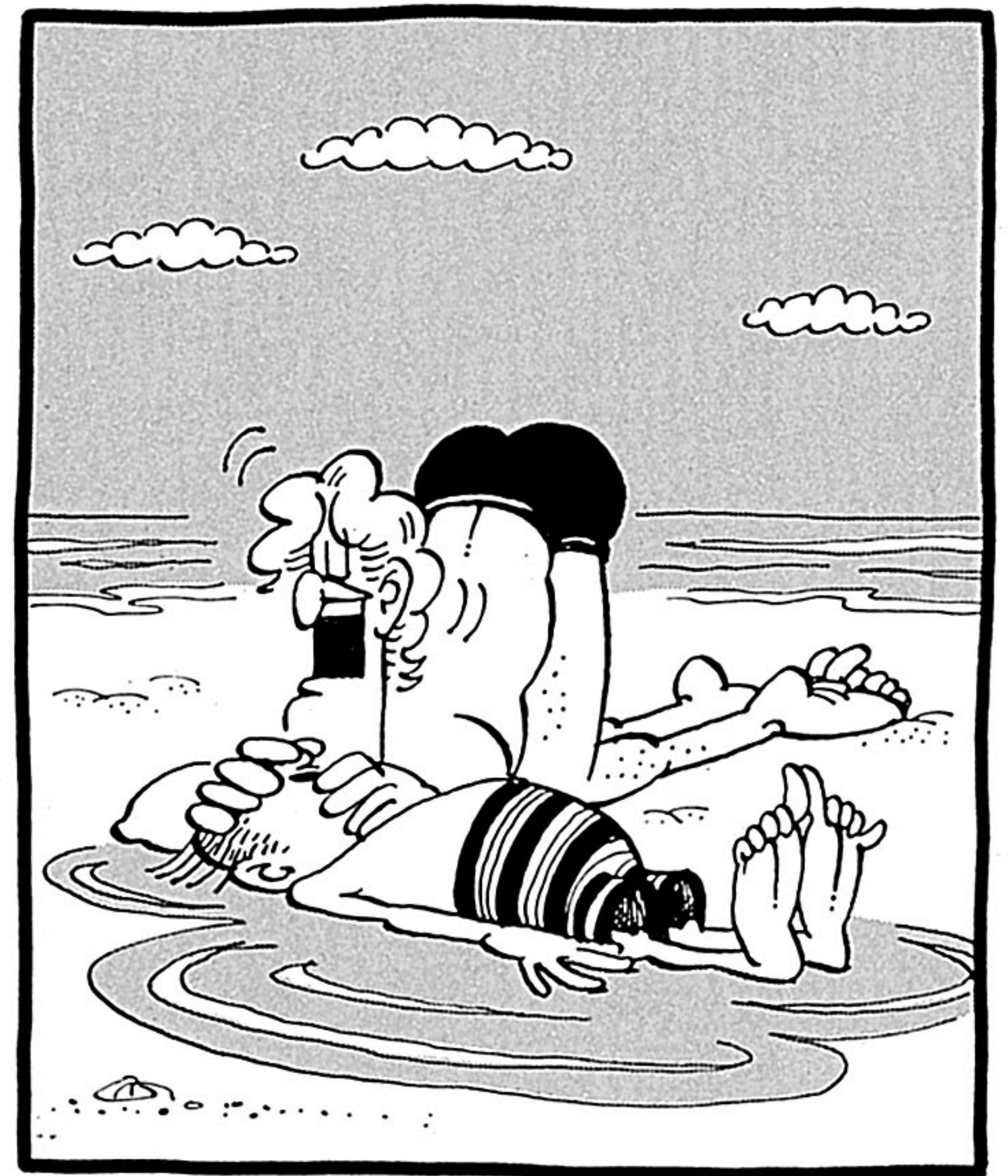
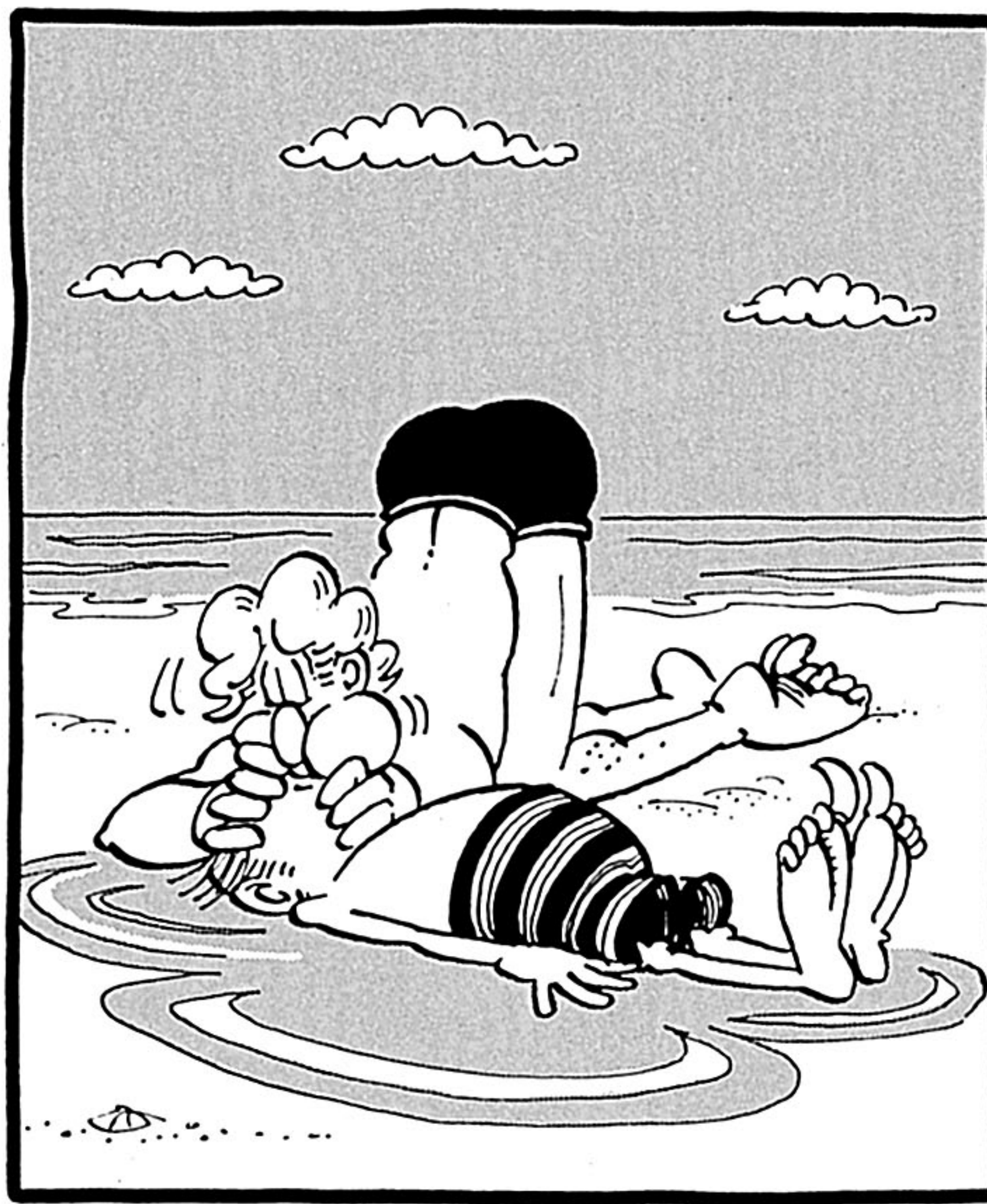
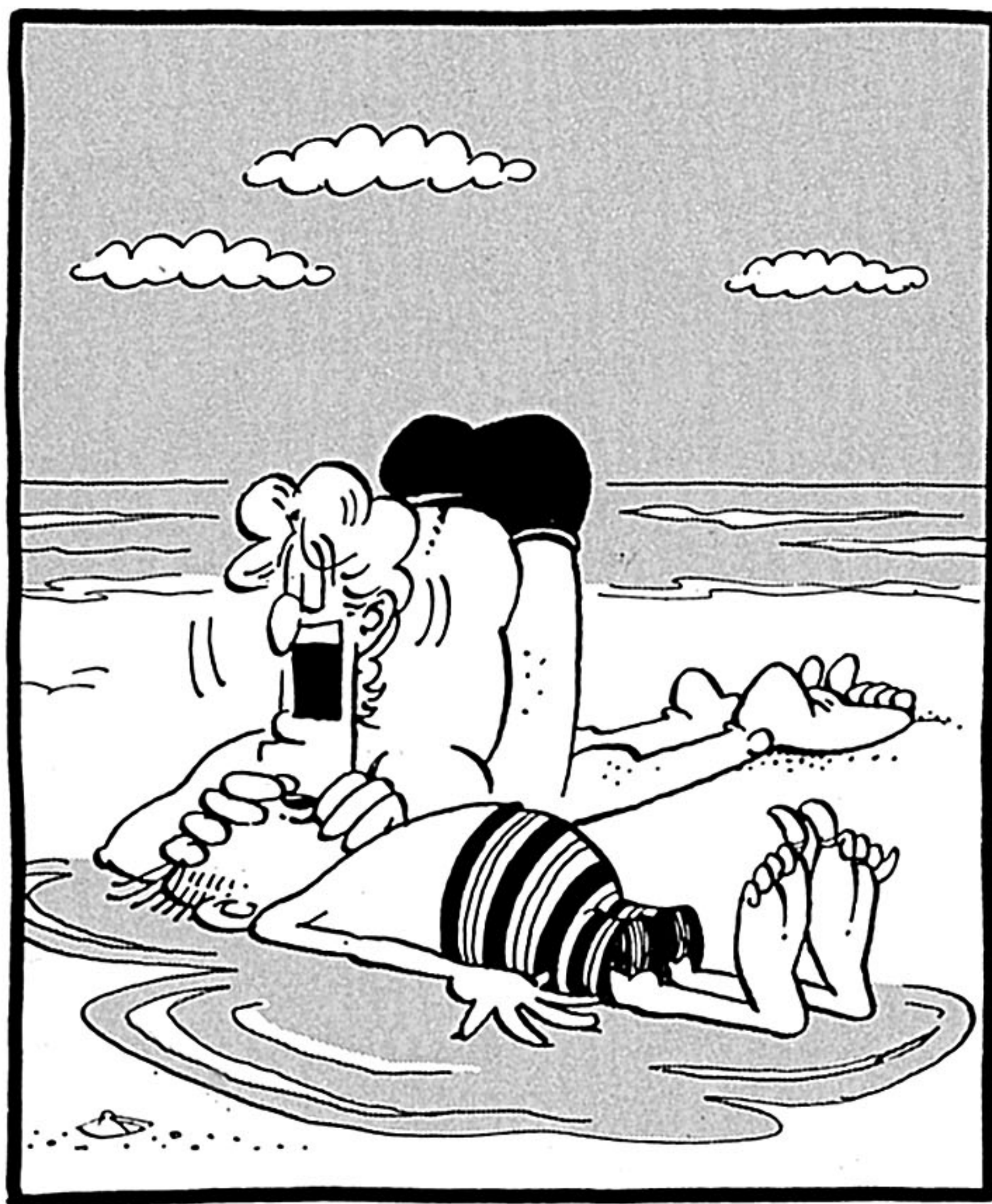
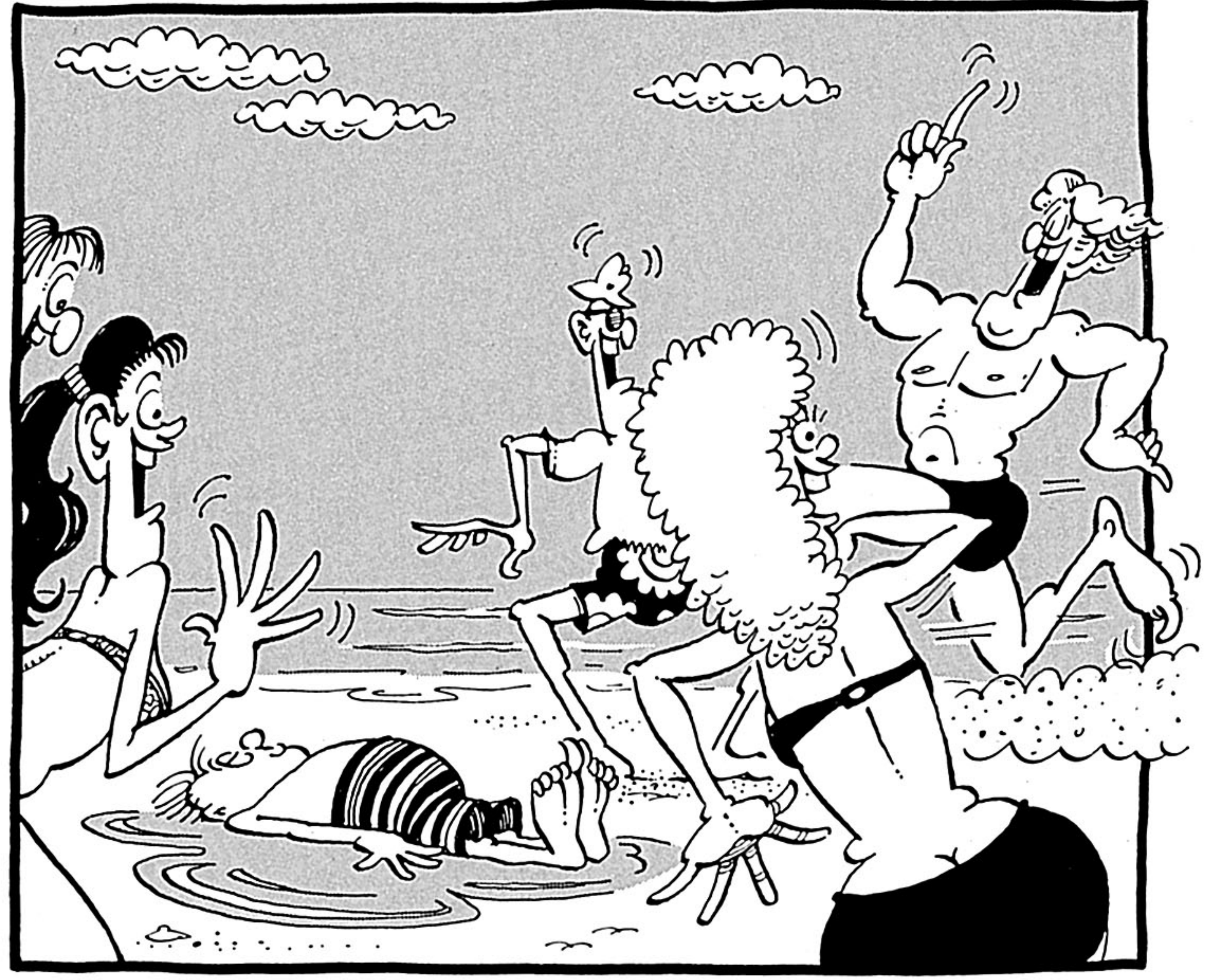


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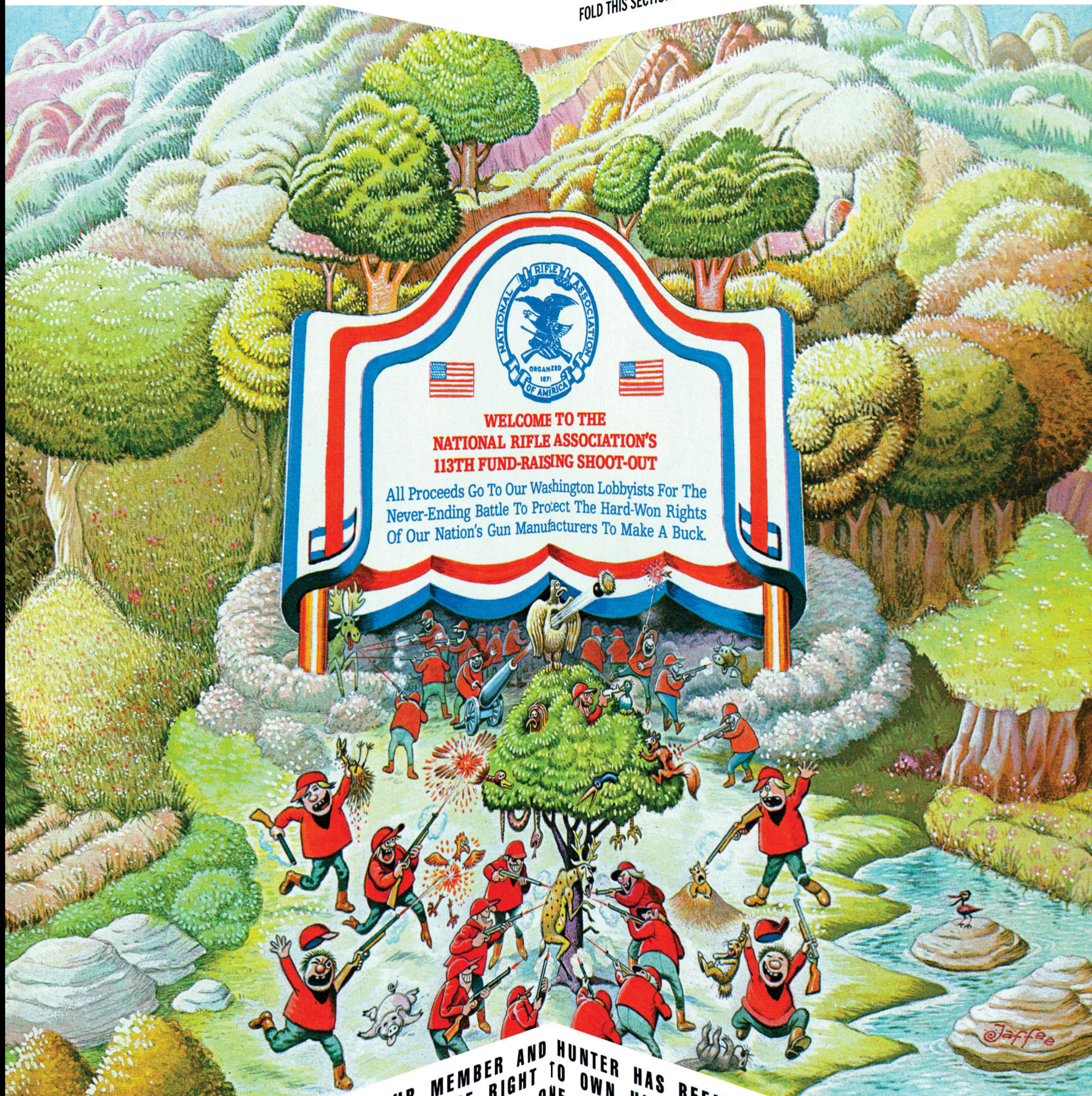


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